



Style that women desire—
Durability that men demand.
Open Models ... \$1,525 to \$2,070
Closed Models ... \$1,610 to \$2,600

THE DRAGON MOTOR CAR CO., LTD.
Telephone Central 1248 or 1247.
33, Wong Nai Chung Road, Happy Valley.

China Mail

ESTABLISHED 1845

No. 25,795 HONG KONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1928. PRICE, \$3.00 Per Month.

"Your Eyes Are Safe With Us."



N. LAZARUS

Hong Kong's Only European Optician:
(Established Over Forty Years).
Manager—RALPH A. COOPER, M.A.O.A.
Registered Optometrist by Canadian Govt. Exam.
(Personal Attention).

CHINA PROPER.

A NATIONALIST PROPOSAL.

"PRACTICAL PARTITION."

Party's Suggestion To Avert Open Split.

DIVISION OF POWER THE REAL ISSUE.

Practical if not political partition of the greater part of China Proper is suggested as the basis of a projected understanding which, the sponsors hope, will be the means of averting an open split in the Nationalist Party.

One or two groups are working for a solution of the troubles in the Nationalist camp. The only real issue is—division of power. It is hoped to settle all differences by marking out the various provinces for each group in the Party and then concentrating on another advance against the Peking Government.

The Kwangsi military leaders now holding the two Kwang provinces are, according to the plan, to have their scope enlarged. On the other hand, the Nanking faction is to carry on with the war.

"KWANG" SITUATION.

The basis of understanding proposed by mediators in the Nationalist Party is, briefly, as follows:

1.—Canton Government: Generals Li Chai-sum and Wong Shiu-hung, and General Chen Ming-chu who has just joined them, to have control of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kweichow and Yunnan provinces.

The Ironsides, who have been expelled from Kwangtung by Generals Li Chai-sum and Wong Shiu-hung, to be sent to Nanking for service at the front.

Nanking Assignment.

2.—Wu-Han faction: General Pei Chung-hsi (a friend of Canton) and General Cheng Chien, with one or two other Generals now supporting them, to have control of Hunan and Hupeh provinces.

3.—Nanking Government: Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, with the goodwill (or actual support) of the two groups (mentioned above) which now oppose him, to push on with the campaign against the Peking Government, and to sever all connection with Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the Leftists, Pinks and Reds.

Presumed Side-Issues.

Presumably, the "Christian General" and General Yen Hsishan of Shansi province will still be treated as allies in the North, and the proposed division of territory does not concern them. Kiangsi province will remain also semi-independent, under General Chu Pei-teh, Fukien, Chekiang, Kiangsu and Anhui provinces to be ruled by partisans of Chiang Kai-shek.

Such a solution might be acceptable to Canton, if not to Nanking. It will tend to ensure peace in Nationalist China for a few months at least and the situation in South China should benefit because the possibility of war will become more remote.

What is Being Done Now.

Meanwhile, Chiang Kai-shek is taking the active command into his hands. His best Lieutenant, General Ho Ying-ching, is reported by the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" to have been relieved of his command and appointed chief of staff. Changes affecting several army corps and divisions are made, the result—if correctly reported—in indicating that Chiang Kai-shek is not satisfied with being the figure-head and that he will attempt to lay down the law to a large number of armed men.

General Chien Ta-chun, his former supporter at Canton, who took his army into Fukien overland, is reported as about to embark with his army for Shanghai to join Chiang Kai-shek.

"Reorganising Plans."

Chiang Kai-shek left Nanking for Hsichow on Feb. 9, says the "Shanghai Times," to inspect the Nationalist troops at the front. He was accompanied by his staff and bodyguards.

Chinese newspapers in Shanghai report that the debacle which apparently has been reached in the north Kiangsu sector, which

RECORD DAMAGES?

\$8,000,000 Allotted American.

THE DUKE ESTATE.

Dispute Over Aluminium Exploitation Deal.

Newark, Yesterday. Probably the largest damages ever allotted to an individual plaintiff were awarded George D. Haskell, a New England manufacturer, whom the jury directed to be paid \$8,000,000 from the estate of James B. Duke, the late tobacco king.

Evidence was given that Duke promised to back Haskell in exploiting huge aluminium properties in the United States and Canada, but then sold out to an "aluminium trust."

Haskell claimed damages of \$15,000,000, but sued for \$45,000,000 under the Federal anti-trust law authorising triple damages for losses resulting from conspiracy and restraint of trade.

Counsel for Haskell will now move the court to increase the award to \$24,000,000 under this law.—Reuter's American Service.

PREMIER EXPLAINS.

RUBBER COMMITTEE AND THE INDUSTRY.

"EVERY CONSIDERATION."

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Baldwin said that before any announcement was made the Colonial Office was confidentially informed by the Advisory Committee on the Stevenson restriction scheme that the Government had decided to examine the scheme. Neither the Advisory Committee nor the industry could properly have been consulted at that stage, but a full opportunity would be given to representatives of the industry to submit their views to the committee.

He added it was not usual for the Cabinet to give details of Cabinet committees' procedure and emphasised the last thing the Government wished to do was anything likely to cause stress to the committee.

From Ichang, 370 miles above Hankow, some of the Nationalists have begun operations against the adventurer, General Yang Sen of Szechuan, says a British Naval wireless report. Fighting is expected above Ichang.

TWO CAMPAIGNS.

Wu-Han Nationalist Armies Engaged.

Hostilities along the upper Yangtze River, in the south-east of Hupeh province, are reported from two areas.

In both cases, one side of the fighting forces is furnished by Nationalist troops of the Wu-Han faction, which is friendly with the Canton Government and is opposed to the Nationalist central Government at Nanking.

From Ichang, 370 miles above Hankow, some of the Nationalists have begun operations against the adventurer, General Yang Sen of Szechuan, says a British Naval wireless report. Fighting is expected above Ichang.

Attack on Hunanese.

Near Shasi, 287 miles above Hankow, the 2nd Army of the Wu-Han Nationalists (under General Lu Ti-ping) has commenced operations against the 35th Hunanese Army under General Ho Chien. The Hunanese were ousted from Hankow by the Wu-Han Nationalists and now support Chiang Kai-shek and Nanking. Fighting has begun 50 miles below Shasi, at a point on which the Hunanese retired when first forced out of Hankow.

Admiral Chen of the Nationalists Navy is giving material assistance to the 2nd Army and is sending two gunboats from Yochow to attack the Hunanese.

Gunboat Asked For.

Another message says that bandits have been causing much trouble in the neighbourhood of Shasi. The 36th Hunanese Army, presumably prior to the beginning of hostilities, asked the Nationalist Government at Nanking to send a gunboat up the Yangtze to help in suppressing the bandits. If a gunboat is sent, however, it may be used by the Hunanese in the war with the Wu-Han Nationalists.

What a General Says.

One of the Wu-Han Nationalist leaders, General Cheng Chien, is quoted below:

Hankow, Feb. 8.

In an address made before the public who had gathered at a meeting during communication week at Changsha, General Cheng Chien pointed out the fact that some members of the central committee at Nanking are actually communicating with Communists.

"A Friend of Peking."

He denounced Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in the same address, saying that Chiang Kai-shek had appointed many of his followers to important posts in the Government, in order to establish his influence that he is expanding his armies by means of foreign loans, and that he is secretly connected with Marshal Chang Tso-lin of the Peking Government through the medium of

BETWEEN TWO TRAMS?

Fire Brigade Engine Wedged.

FIREMEN INJURED.

Engine Then Mounts Pavement Outside Hotel.

The busiest centre of the city at the busiest time of the day—the Des Vaux Road, Chater Road and Pedder Street junction at 9 a.m.—was to-day the scene of an accident which might have had far more serious consequences if the pavement on the Hotel side of the Pedder Street junction had not providentially been clear at the time.

One of the Fire Brigade engines was returning from early morning drill back to the Fire Station along Chater Road when, at the junction of the three roads, it got wedged in between two tram cars, No. 18 going East and No. 53 going West.

Apparently the fire engine driver considered he was able to pass between the two tram-cars and on to the left of Des Vaux Road before the cars closed up, either anticipating a slowing up of the cars or judging he had room to pass.

Passing in front of tram-car No. 18, the fire engine was caught by the latter and forced on to tram-car No. 53, doing considerable damage to the front of the two tram-cars and damaging the mudguards, hose box, fire escape ladder and running board of the fire engine.

Two Injured.

Two of the firemen received injuries as the result of the dual collision, one being thrown violently.

"FINER LATER."

N.E. winds, fresh, overcast at first, finer later, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

The anticyclone is stationary over N.E. China. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the China Sea.

It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$2 per share and a bonus of \$1.50 per share, absorbing \$280,000 and carry forward \$42,487.15.

I trust shareholders will approve of these appropriations.

Experiment on New Ferry.

The \$1,484.86 placed to the special repairs fund is the amount required to balance the expenditure on repairs to Ice House Street pier; as these are now complete, this account is closed. The total cost of the work on the pier amounted to \$103,069.68, of which \$28,124 has been dealt with as capital expenditure.

Three of the older vessels were issued for these papers but they could not be cashed at the Hong Kong Bank without proof of \$21,000 over the book value.

We now have four of the modern boats and two old ones. Another new one is being constructed and will be put into service in May next. A wider gangway is being tried in this new boat to enable passengers to get on and off more quickly. If it is a success the question of altering the others will be considered.

Oil or Coal?

Careful comparisons have been made of the cost of oil, which some of the launches have been burning, with coal, and as the latter has worked out cheaper all the boats have been put on to coal.

The repairs and alterations to Ice House Street pier, which I referred to at our last meeting, have been completed and I think it will be generally agreed that the new arrangements are a great improvement.

Bonus to Shareholders.

You will observe in the notice convening this meeting reference is made to the resolution passed by shareholders present at our last meeting, to increase the directors' remuneration from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per annum. The matter was referred to the Company's solicitors, who advised that as the proposal constituted "special business," shareholders should receive notice of the resolution. This has now been done and requires confirmation.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability which shareholders may desire to ask.

Later.

There were seven firemen on the fire engine at the time. The engine is known as Fire Escape No. 6. The fireman seriously injured is Choi Tin, who is suffering from head wounds and internal injuries. The other, Kong Wing-tung, is a fireman in the Brigade. His cuts were superficial and he has subsequently been discharged from hospital.

Other Business.

Mr. A. H. Compton seconded. No question was put and the proposal was adopted unanimously. Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:

Confirmation of payment of yearly sum of \$1,000 as bonus.

Dividend warrants can be applied for to-morrow.

MORE TRAFFIC.

"Star" Ferry Co.'s Big Profits.

BONUS VOTED FOR DIRECTORS.

Chairman Speaks On Alterations And Improvements.

Gross earnings from traffic on the "Star" ferry boats between Hong Kong and Kowloon were up \$86,310.40 in 1927, said the chairman of the company at the annual meeting to-day. Net profit last year increased by \$70,774.04. The chairman, the Hon. Mr. D. G. Bernard, referred in his review to the alterations and improvements effected.

The 30th annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co. Ltd. was held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Supporting the chairman were Messrs. C. Gordon Mackie, A. H. Compton (directors) and F. H. Crappell (secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. J. T. Bagram, Frank Austin, J. M. Alves, W. S. Bailey, C. M. Manners, C. E. Terry, A. H. M. da Silva, J. Hyde, P. Mackenzie, C. F. Lee and R. Harris.

Chairman's Address.

The convening notice was read by the secretary. The report, accounts and auditors' report for 1927 were taken as read. The chairman then read his address as follows:

The year under review shows an increase over the previous year in gross earnings from traffic of \$86,310.40 and in net profit of \$70,774.04, which I trust you will consider satisfactory. After transferring \$50,000 to reserve, \$20,000 to accident fund and \$1,484.86 to special repairs fund, there remains a balance of \$52,437.15, which includes \$51,225.71 brought forward from last account.

It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$2 per share and a bonus of \$1.50 per share, absorbing \$280,000 and carry forward \$42,437.15. I trust shareholders will approve of these appropriations.

Experiment on New Ferry.

The \$1,484.86 placed to the special repairs fund is the amount required to balance the expenditure on repairs to Ice House Street pier; as these are now complete, this account is closed. The total cost of the work on the pier amounted to \$103,069.68, of which \$28,124 has been dealt with as capital expenditure.

\$1,500 Involved.

The sums of money involved in the charges, indicated counsel, amounted to \$1,500. The papers connected with this money were taken from the box in which they had been left by the father. On November 13, one of the papers for \$600 was presented at the wine shop, the money was paid, and later another was presented and was also paid together with interest. In accordance with the custom of the wineshop, the receipts were destroyed. Apparently, cheques were issued for these papers but they could not be cashed at the Hong Kong Bank without proof of the father's death so on December 1 prisoner went to Messrs. Woo and Nash and indicated that he wished to take out probate in respect of the estate of his father whom he represented as dead.

The ordinary steps were taken and, as it appeared that everything was in order and that the documents were properly executed, probate was granted and the next step was to apply to the Bank for payment. The father then arrived back and the whole affair was opened up. In the meantime, indicated counsel, the prisoner had gone to Mr. Melbourne at the Supreme Court and taken two distinct oaths in regard to affidavits put in in support of the forged will.

On the return of the father, prisoner was taken by him to the police station and charged, in reply to which he stated "The money is my father's. I took the money to do some business for my living because I am an unemployed man."

(Continued on Page 6.)

A FORGED WILL.

Son Admits Guilt At Sessions.

LENIENT SENTENCE.

Judge Influenced By Youth And New Resolution.

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorized Capital \$60,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up \$60,000,000
Reserve Funds \$60,000,000
Sterling \$6,000,000
Silver \$18,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$30,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

COUNT OF DIRECTORS:-
Hon. Dr. D. G. M. BARNARD,
Chairman.
A. H. Compton, M.A.,
Deputy Chairman.

W. H. Bell, Esq.
M. S. Brown,
A. Macmillan, Esq.
G. O. S. Macle, Esq.

Chief Manager.

Mr. A. C. Hyne.

BRANCHES:-

LONDON LYON

ANGKOR MALACCA

BATAVIA MANILA

BOMBAY MOURDEN

CALCUTTA NAGASARI

GANTOON NEW YORK

GUANGZHOU PEKING

**Phone C. 22
FOR
CLASSIFIED
ADVERTISING**

Twenty-five Words three insertions prepaid \$1. Every additional word four cents for three insertions.

WANTED.

WANTED.—Partner or Comptroller to put up \$2,000 cash for paying business. Apply Box No. 528, c/o "China Mail."

PREMISES TO LET.

TO LET.—Nos. 4 & 5, Fung Fai Terrace, Happy Valley. European Flats with all modern Conveniences. Rental Moderate. Apply to The Wing On Co., Ltd.

TO LET.

TO LET.—Large double airy room with bathroom and verandah attached. Suitable for two or three bachelors or married couple. Excellent cuisine and good attendants. Terms \$130 for one person per month; \$200 for two persons per month. Apply Box No. 529, c/o "China Mail."

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—No. 46, Elgin Street, for \$50,000.00. Apply to Dr. M. E. Asper, Dental Surgeon, Union Building.

FOR SALE.—One brass "Hung Ming" pan of the Chinese Han Dynasty with automatic springs. Price \$1,000.00. Apply Box No. 487, c/o "China Mail."

MISCELLANEOUS.

YOUR VISITING CARDS neatly and promptly printed.—"China Mail" Office, No. 3a, Wyndham St. Telephone Central 22.

HOME TUITION.

WESTOVER — STEVENAGE. Within an hour from London. In healthy neighbourhood. SCHOOL for GIRLS and SMALL BOYS. A few Boarders received in the House of the Principal. Individual care and attention. For Particulars apply to:

MISS RUTH CULLEY
(Camb. Higher Local).
(Camb. Teachers' Diploma).
MISS GERTRUDE TURNER
(National Frodel Higher
Certificate).

**LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS.**

Public Auctions

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction ON MONDAY, the 20th February, 1928, commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 196, The Peak (No. 2 Flat). A Quantity of

**VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE.**
(Particulars from Catalogue.) On View on Day of Sale.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers, Hong Kong, Feb. 16, 1928.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction ON TUESDAY, 21st February, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF CURIOS.

Comprising:—

Porcelain Bowls, Plates, Vases, Ivory Figures, Amber Beads, Table Screens, Blackwood and Porcelain Screen, Old Bronze Ware, Chinese Handpaintings, Lacquer Ware, Jade Articles and Embroideries, etc. etc.

Catalogues will be issued. On View from Monday, the 20th February, 1928.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers, Hong Kong, Feb. 16, 1928.



LADIES' HAIR DRESSERS.
It's the way you have your HAIR done that makes it attractive.

Our barbers are experts in Bobbing, Shingling and Waving.

CAMPBELL MOORE
19, Queen's Road C. Tel. C. 151

NOTICES.**HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.****RACE MEETING, 1928.**

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th February.

The First Race on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon. The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th February, 1928, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$80 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies' to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badge for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$8 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers' and Sailors' in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 80th January, 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on Saturday, 25th February, 1928 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay, Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock Noon on MONDAY, 20th February, 1928.

Hong Kong, 8th February, 1928.

HONG KONG & TERRITORIAL ESTATES, LIMITED.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, "St. George's" Building, No. 7, Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1928, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 16th February, 1928, until FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1928.

A REAL BARGAIN.**THE OLD ORIGINAL****CHEFOO STAMPS****UNUSED GENUINE SPECIMENS**

\$2.00 per set of 6 stamps.

Cash must be sent with order to Box No. 519

c/o "China Mail"

NOTICES.**THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 18th February, 1928, at 9.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 11th February to SATURDAY, 18th February, 1928, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 18th February to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1928, to WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th February, 1928.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.**SPRING MEETING.**

Saturday, 3rd March 1928.

ENTRY FORMS to be returned to Dr. F. PIERCE GROVE, Alexandra Building, BEFORE NOON, Monday, 20th February.

Hong Kong, 13th February 1928.

TO DRAW A MAP.**TASK OF CHARTING HEAVENS.****TAKES 40 YEARS.**

Oxford.—Forty years to draw a map—that is the meaning of the completion of a gigantic task undertaken two generations ago by the Oxford and Greenwich observatories.

Fifteen million stars have been photographed, to make a map of the heavens, only 6,000 of which are visible to the naked eye. Some 30,000 star-charts, weighing two tons and piling up thirty feet high,

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 18th February to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1928, to WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th February, 1928.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.**SPRING MEETING.**

Saturday, 3rd March 1928.

ENTRY FORMS to be returned to Dr. F. PIERCE GROVE, Alexandra Building, BEFORE NOON, Monday, 20th February.

Hong Kong, 13th February 1928.

NOTICES.**KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.****CLOSING DAY.**

THE CLOSING DAY and DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES will take place on SATURDAY FIRST, 18th February, at 3 p.m.

A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 16th Feb., 1928.

**CYMDITHAS DEWI SANT,
HONG KONG.**

(St. David's Society, Hong Kong).

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.**G. 322 R.
PUBLIC AUCTION.**

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be Held on MONDAY, the 20th day of February, 1928, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui Po in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July 1928 with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.

FOR NEW YORK AND BOSTON via SUEZ.
S.S. "BOWES CASTLE"Sails hence on/or about 15th Feb.

LLOYD TRIESTINO

FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE (FIUME).
REGULAR MONTHLY PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE
TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO
GENOA, ALL ITALIAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANT, BLACK
SEA AND DANUBE PORTS.

REDUCED PASSAGE RATES.

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE £72.10.0.
LONDON £80.0.0.

NEXT SAILINGS.

OUTWARDS FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI.
From Hong Kong

M.V. "ROMOLO" Sails hence on/or about 1st Mar.
S.S. "VENEZIA" Sails hence on/or about 20th Mar.
M.V. "REMO" Sails hence on/or about 26th Apr.

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.

From Hong Kong

M.V. "ESQUILINO" Sails hence on/or about 6th Mar.
M.V. "ROMOLO" Sails hence on/or about 3rd Apr.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

FROM CALCUTTA & COLOMBO TO
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS:

S.S. "UMSINGA" Sails from Calcutta 1st Mar.
S.S. "UMONA" Sails from Calcutta 1st Apr.
Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.
Through Bills of Lading issued from Hong Kong.

For Freight or Passage on any of the above Lines apply to:-

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Telephone Central 1030.

N.Y.K. LINE

THROUGH BOOKING TO EUROPE AT REDUCED RATES.

£120, £112, £110, £102 £83, via San Francisco.

£5440, £420, via Japan and Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO, via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.

* SIMEIYA MARU (Calls Los Angeles) Tuesday, 6th March.

TATYO MARU Tuesday, 20th March.

*Calls Keelung.

TONON MARU via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.

EATORI MARU Saturday, 25th February.

ATSUWA MARU Saturday, 10th March.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.

TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

* TASMANIA MARU Friday, 17th February.

* MOJI MARU Tuesday, 28th February.

SADO MARU Saturday, 10th March.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

ANYO MARU Thursday, 15th March.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.

KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 29th February.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

* CALCUTTA MARU Thursday, 23rd February.

LIVERPOOL, via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

* LYONS MARU Saturday, 10th March.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

* MORIOKA MARU Monday, 20th February.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Friday, 17th February.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

* NAGANO MARU (Moji direct) Wednesday, 22nd February.

KANAGAWA MARU (Kobe direct) Sunday, 19th February.

HAKONE MARU Monday, 20th February.

*Cargo only.

For further information apply to—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Tel. Central No. 292 (Private exchange to all departments.)



MAIL AND CARGO STEAMERS TO AND FROM
MARSEILLES, DUNKIRK, U.K. HAMBURG & ROTTERDAM.

From Marseilles

PORTHOS 28th Feb.
PAUL LECAT 18th Mar.
ANDRE LEBOU 27th Mar.
CHENONCEAUX 10th Apr.

From Dunkirk, Antwerp, London

VALOU (Cargo) 28th Feb.
D. P. BENOT (Cargo) 24th Mar.

For Shanghai, Japan and North
China

VALOU (Cargo) 28th Feb.
D. P. BENOT (Cargo) 24th Mar.

For full Particulars, apply to—

Cie. des MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,
Telephones: C. 561 and 740.

SHIPPING SECTION.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The arrival of vessels recorded (Feb. 16), are as follows:—4 British vessels, 2 Norwegian vessels; 6 Japanese vessels; 5 Chinese vessels.

The cargo imported to this Colony by the above ships totalled 21,212 tons an improvement on yesterday's total. Of this amount 886 tons were shipped by British vessels, the Japanese bring in the best returns of some 9,000 odd tons, with Norwegian and Chinese goods seconds.

The through cargo tonnage amounts to 7,052 tons, a considerable drop from yesterday, good standard. Of these above figures the best return was recorded by the "Korei Maru" (Japanese) from Osaka, Amoy, M.B.K.—3,054 tons rice and coal. The best through Hong Kong figures was recorded by the s.s. "Comlinebank" (British) from New York, Manila—Bank Line—3,300 tons general cargo. It will be interesting to note 9,643 tons of rice were imported to Hong Kong to-day.

The passenger list for to-day is as follows:—849 Asiatic deck passengers; 31 Asiatic cabin; 19 European cabin; total 899.

Departures.

For K. C. Wan—Tai Pao Shek.
For Manila—Oakridge.
For Canton—Tinhow, Yunnan, Fooching.

For Hoihow—Soon Ann, Selatan, For Shanghai—Comlinebank.
For Macao—Tak Hing.
For Macassar—Tjitaroem.

Clearances.

For Singapore—Cremer.
For Saigon—Pheumphenh.
For Canton—Corona.
For Dairen—Kojin Maru.
For Swatow—Devawongse.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	4	4	27
Japanese	6	0	14
Norwegian	2	0	10
Chinese	5	3	17
Dutch	0	1	5
French	0	1	0
American	0	1	0
Portuguese	0	0	2
German	0	0	1
Panama	0	0	1
Swedish	0	0	1
	17	10	78

WATER LOGGED BOAT.

The master of the s.s. "Kwington" reports to the Harbour Office that there is a waterlogged Chinese decked vessel, 30 feet long, reeled on forward deck, and iron-fairhead failing to observe the rules of the over stern, in Long 110deg. 40' 45deg. E., and Lat. 20deg. 14' 45" N., in the Hainan Head, which is an obstruction to navigation.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, two cases were heard. The first concerned Loung Shing, master of s.l. "Fook We,"

who was charged with unlawfully failing to exhibit the regulation lights whilst underway in the harbour, at 7.30 p.m. on February 10.

Accused was found guilty, and fined \$15, with an alternative of two weeks' hard labour.

The second case was against Yang Ching-tung, master of s.l. "Oirk," charged with unlawfully failing to observe the rules of the over stern, in Long 110deg. 40' 45deg. E., and Lat. 20deg. 14' 45" N., in the Hainan Head, which is an obstruction to navigation.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, two cases were heard. The first concerned Loung Shing, master of s.l. "Fook We,"

who was charged with unlawfully failing to exhibit the regulation lights whilst underway in the harbour, at 7.30 p.m. on February 10.

Accused was found guilty, and fined \$15, with an alternative of two weeks' hard labour.

The second case was against Yang Ching-tung, master of s.l. "Oirk," charged with unlawfully failing to observe the rules of the over stern, in Long 110deg. 40' 45deg. E., and Lat. 20deg. 14' 45" N., in the Hainan Head, which is an obstruction to navigation.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, two cases were heard. The first concerned Loung Shing, master of s.l. "Fook We,"

who was charged with unlawfully failing to exhibit the regulation lights whilst underway in the harbour, at 7.30 p.m. on February 10.

Accused was found guilty, and fined \$15, with an alternative of two weeks' hard labour.

The second case was against Yang Ching-tung, master of s.l. "Oirk," charged with unlawfully failing to observe the rules of the over stern, in Long 110deg. 40' 45deg. E., and Lat. 20deg. 14' 45" N., in the Hainan Head, which is an obstruction to navigation.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, two cases were heard. The first concerned Loung Shing, master of s.l. "Fook We,"

who was charged with unlawfully failing to exhibit the regulation lights whilst underway in the harbour, at 7.30 p.m. on February 10.

Accused was found guilty, and fined \$15, with an alternative of two weeks' hard labour.

The second case was against Yang Ching-tung, master of s.l. "Oirk," charged with unlawfully failing to observe the rules of the over stern, in Long 110deg. 40' 45deg. E., and Lat. 20deg. 14' 45" N., in the Hainan Head, which is an obstruction to navigation.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, two cases were heard. The first concerned Loung Shing, master of s.l. "Fook We,"

who was charged with unlawfully failing to exhibit the regulation lights whilst underway in the harbour, at 7.30 p.m. on February 10.

Accused was found guilty, and fined \$15, with an alternative of two weeks' hard labour.

The second case was against Yang Ching-tung, master of s.l. "Oirk," charged with unlawfully failing to observe the rules of the over stern, in Long 110deg. 40' 45deg. E., and Lat. 20deg. 14' 45" N., in the Hainan Head, which is an obstruction to navigation.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, two cases were heard. The first concerned Loung Shing, master of s.l. "Fook We,"

who was charged with unlawfully failing to exhibit the regulation lights whilst underway in the harbour, at 7.30 p.m. on February 10.

Accused was found guilty, and fined \$15, with an alternative of two weeks' hard labour.

The second case was against Yang Ching-tung, master of s.l. "Oirk," charged with unlawfully failing to observe the rules of the over stern, in Long 110deg. 40' 45deg. E., and Lat. 20deg. 14' 45" N., in the Hainan Head, which is an obstruction to navigation.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, two cases were heard. The first concerned Loung Shing, master of s.l. "Fook We,"

who was charged with unlawfully failing to exhibit the regulation lights whilst underway in the harbour, at 7.30 p.m. on February 10.

Accused was found guilty, and fined \$15, with an alternative of two weeks' hard labour.

The second case was against Yang Ching-tung, master of s.l. "Oirk," charged with unlawfully failing to observe the rules of the over stern, in Long 110deg. 40' 45deg. E., and Lat. 20deg. 14' 45" N., in the Hainan Head, which is an obstruction to navigation.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, two cases were heard. The first concerned Loung Shing, master of s.l. "Fook We,"

who was charged with unlawfully failing to exhibit the regulation lights whilst underway in the harbour, at 7.30 p.m. on February 10.

Accused was found guilty, and fined \$15, with an alternative of two weeks' hard labour.

The second case was against Yang Ching-tung, master of s.l. "Oirk," charged with unlawfully failing to observe the rules of the over stern, in Long 110deg. 40' 45deg. E., and Lat. 20deg. 14' 45" N., in the Hainan Head, which is an obstruction to navigation.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, two cases were heard. The first concerned Loung Shing, master of s.l. "Fook We,"

P. & O.-British India Apcar and Eastern & Australian Lines

(COMPANIES incorporated in ENGLAND).
MAIL AND PASSENGER STEAMERS.

TAKING CARGO FOR

TRAITS. JAVA, BURMA, CEYLON; INDIA, PERSIAN GULF,
WEST INDIES, MAURITIUS, EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA.
AUSTRALASIA, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND AND
QUEENSLAND PORTS, AND RED SEA, EGYPT,
CONSTANTINOPLE, GREECE, LEVANTINE
PORTS, EUROPE, &c.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL FORTNIGHTLY DIRECT ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS. (Under Contract with H.M. Government.)

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong Aboat	Destination
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb. Noon	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,653	25th Feb.	Marselles & London
KUDDEPORE	5,334	28th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
LA'SDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marselles & London
TALIPORE	5,273	7th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,995	17th Mar.	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIRZAPORE	6,715	18th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KARMAKA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marselles & London
MANTUA	10,940	31st Mar.	Marselles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marselles & London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,504	14th Apr.	Marselles & London
TA'NGPORE	6,283	21st Apr.	Marselles & London
MOREA	10,963	28th Apr.	Marselles & London & Antwerp
KASIGAR	9,005	12th May	Marselles & London
TEYPORE	5,318	13th May	Marselles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marselles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,007	9th June	Marselles & London
NOVARA	6,089	16th June	Marselles & London
RANPUR	10,001	23rd June	Marselles, London & Antwerp
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marselles & London
NANKIN	7,058	14th July	Marselles & London

* Passengers to Singapore only. Limited accommodation available for 2nd class passengers from Hong Kong to London.
[Cargo only.]

Frequent connection from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantiople, Piraeus, Smyrna and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Kedived Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

TALANBA	8,018	24th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,000	6th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	20th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

B. I. Apcar Line steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd class passengers. All steamers are fitted with wireless and carry a qualified surgeon.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TTANDA	6,056	2nd Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
ST. ALBANS	4,500	30th Mar.	Perth, Fremantle, Sydney & Melbourne
AFARFA	6,000	4th May	Call Port Holland

Regular monthly sailings from Hongkong to Japan and Hongkong to Australia.

The E. & A. S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Nollo, Cebu, Kolambungan, Tawau, Timor, Darwin, or other ports en route as inducement offers.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:-

The Union S.S. Company's steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. & O. Royal Mail steamers to London via Suez Canal.

The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers to London via the Cape.

The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	21st Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MIRZAPORE	6,715	21st Feb.	Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	28th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
MONGOLIA	10,634	10th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKIWA	7,036	24th Mar.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MAGPORE	6,283	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
VANTU	6,046	16th Mar.	Shanghai
LAHORE	6,252	19th Mar.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ORE	10,053	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
AFARFA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JETPORE	5,318	10th Apr.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASIGAR	2,005	13th Apr.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,055	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DELTA	8,007	11th May	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RANPUR	10,001	25th May	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NANKIN	7,058	4th June	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

* Cargo only.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on-carrying steamer.

All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.

Cabiners on London and Australian Lines are fitted with Laundries.

Parcels measuring not more than 2½ ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.

For further Information, Passage Freights, Handbooks, etc., apply to:-

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.

P. & O. Building, Connaught Rd. C., HONGKONG. Agents.

BOSTON, NEW YORK & BALTIMORE.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE

"BLUE FUNNEL" LINE.

(OCEAN S.S. CO., LTD. & CHINA MUTUAL S.S. CO., LTD.)

AND

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE

(ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL S.S. CO., LTD.)

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

S.S. "CITY OF KIMBERLEY" ... Via Suez Canal 20th Feb.
S.S. "LYCAON" Via Suez Canal 9th Mar.
S.S. "CITY OF ADELAIDE" ... Via Suez Canal 23rd Mar.
S.S. "RHEUSIS" Via Suez Canal 6th Apr.
S.S. "CITY OF DUNKIRK" ... Via Suez Canal 20th Apr.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' Option
Subject to change without notice.

For Freight and particulars apply to:-
BUTTERFIELD & SWINEY & THE BANK LINE, LTD., Hong Kong
Hong Kong & Canton: JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., LTD., Canton

H.M.S. "NELSON."

SHIPMATES' REUNION AT PORTSMOUTH.

OFFICERS AND MEN.

Portsmouth.—A party of former shipmates in the Royal Navy held a reunion in H.M.S. "Nelson," lying in Portsmouth Dockyard. It took the form of a tea party, attended by about twenty-five officers and men who served together in the old cruiser "Raleigh" in 1885-87. Vice-Admiral Sir Osmond de B. Brock, the present Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, was midshipman in the "Raleigh" between those years, and when it was suggested that old shipmates should meet again the two admirals promptly issued invitations for the pleasure little party that was given.

"Raleigh" was a second-class cruiser, built at Chatham in the seventies, and served in the Mediterranean in 1878. During the Constantinople crisis she was present at the occupation of Cyprus on February 23, 1894. "Raleigh" was sold and broken up at Portsmouth in 1906, and was succeeded by a vessel which was wrecked off Labrador, with the loss of ten lives, in 1922.

Tea was taken in the admiral's cabin, and was quite an informal meal, with many reminiscences. These were continued afterwards in speeches. A copy of a memorial photograph of the guests is to be presented to every member of the party by the two admirals who acted as hosts.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following war vessels have been given as lying at berth in Hong Kong harbour:—North Wall Basin, Carlisle; South Wall Basin, Cicala, Tern, Gannel; East Wall Basin, L4, L27, Faulknor; North Arm, Hollyhook, Herald, Ambrose and S/m/s; West Wall Dock, Hawkins, Petersfield; In Dock, Iroquois L1, L2, L5; No. 1 Buoy, Argus; No. 3 Buoy, Marazion; No. 5 Buoy, Sterling, Stormcloud; No. 7 Buoy, Titania, S/m/s: No. 8 Buoy, Magnolia; No. 10 Buoy, Seraph, Thrush; No. 12 Buoy, Bruce; No. 18 Buoy, Ruthenia, Kharki; Kowloon Anchorage, Fortol, Belgo, Francol, Foreign Men-of-War.

U.S.S. Asheville; Portuguese, Pero de Alenquer; Italian, S. Cubo; Japanese, Uji.

CONSIGNEES.
SERVICES CONTRACTUELLES DES
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

THE Steamship
"SPHINX"
BRINGING CARGO from Mar-
selles, &c., also cargo from
Bordeaux and Cognac ex s.s.
"Ville de Verdun."

CONSIGNEES are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the HONG KONG KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD., KOWLOON, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on MONDAY, the 20th February, 1928.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE, Agent.
Hong Kong, 14th February, 1928.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

THE Steamship "CITY OF BENARES."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 19th February, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signer on or before 26th February 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE, LTD.
General Agents.

Hong Kong, 14th February, 1928.

ELECTRIC SHIP.

H.M.S. "ADVENTURE" A NOVEL MINELAYER.

TURBINES AND DIESELS.

In the article on the spring cruise of the Atlantic Fleet, mention was made of the new minelayer, H.M.S. "Adventure," which has turbine machinery for high speed and Diesel-electric drive for cruising." This was probably the first intimation received by the public that the British Navy possessed the only large warship propelled by Diesel engines with electrical transmission. H.M.S. "Adventure" represents a new development in marine engineering as applied to naval purposes, and the Admiralty constructors and engineers deserve credit for the enterprise

BURNETT'S
FAMOUS
DRY GIN

Gives that Distinctive Excellence to a Cocktail.
Makes a perfect Gin Sling.

Sole Agents:
A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

MEASURE: 12 BOTTLES CONTAIN 67 TO 64 GILLS
TWO GALLONS EQUAL 64 GILLS

LEE YU HING
JADE MERCHANT.

Specialists in High-Class Jades, Jewellery, Ivory, Amber, Agate, Crystal and Curiosities.
Genuine articles and Satisfaction guaranteed.
No. 56, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
Tel. C. 1908.
Factory: 18, Hung Shou Chung Street, Canton.

BUY A
WINCHESTER
FLASH LIGHT.
Exhibition daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call and inspect.

WAH MEI ELECTRIC CO.
135, Des Voeux Rd., C.

STAR THEATRE

W. R. BANVARD

present:

THE BANVARD MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

(Organised by Mr. Lew Marks.)

TO-NIGHT

Thursday, February 16th at 9.15 p.m.

"KATJA, THE DANCER"

(By arrangement with Daly's Theatre)

Friday, February 17th at 9.15 p.m.

"MERCENARY MARY"

(The Great London Success of Last Season)

Saturday, February 18th at 9.15 p.m.

"QUEEN HIGH"

(By arrangement with Sir Arthur Butt)

Sunday, February 19th at 9.15 p.m.

"REVIEW OF REVUES"

(The most sparkling items of five revues)

PRICES

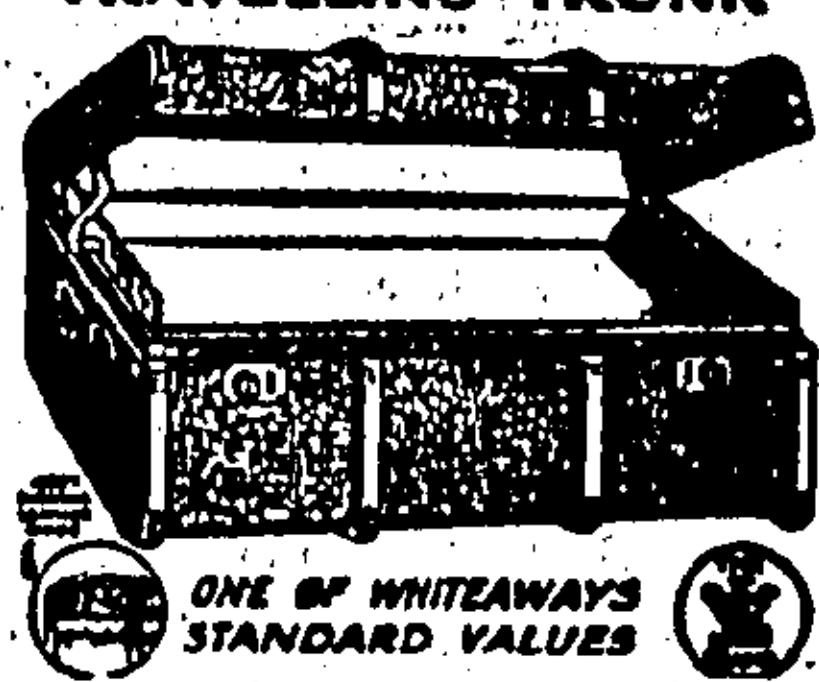
First two Rows of Stalls \$5; Orchestra Stalls and Dress Circle \$4;
Stalls \$2; and Back Stalls \$1.

Booking at Moutrie's and the Star.
Late Tram To The Peak

WHITEAWAYS

FOR TRAVELLING GOODS.

"THE OCEAN"
TRAVELLING TRUNK



ONE OF WHITEAWAYS STANDARD VALUES

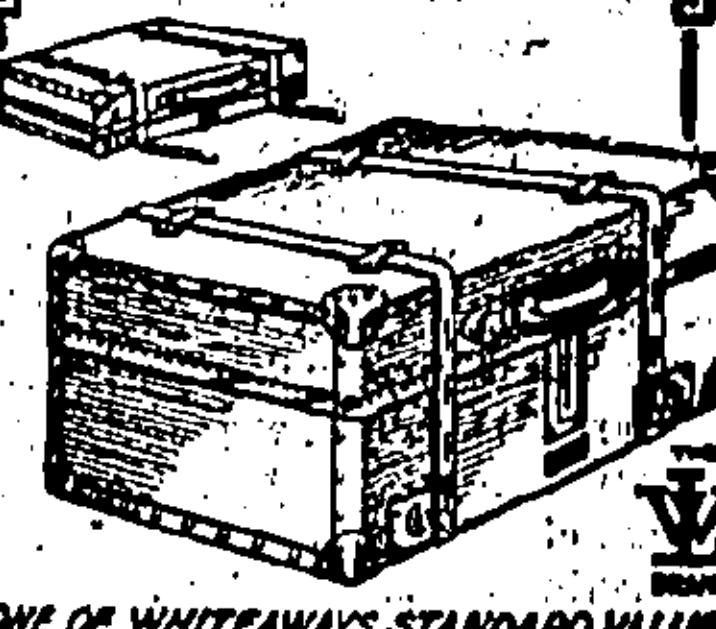
FOR A DAY—
A WEEK OR
A MONTH.

The "Fortis" adapts itself by a simple adjustment to admit a large or small quantity of clothing. Made from exceptionally strong Brown fibre.

Size 24 inches.

STANDARD VALUE PRICE \$16.50 EACH

"THE FORTIS"
EXPANDING SUIT CASE



ONE OF WHITEAWAYS STANDARD VALUES

SUIT CASES, WARDROBE TRUNKS,
Etc., Etc.

BEST POSSIBLE VALUE.

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW & CO., LTD.
HONG KONG.

A FORGED WILL.

(Continued From Page 1.)

Evil Associates.

A long statement made by prisoner was also read by counsel, this referring to his having been influenced by evil associates who induced him to do what he did, and to his having been given something to drink which made him "all hot and intoxicated" immediately prior to his having taken the documents. (The two men referred to, it was indicated, had subsequently been banished). The statement went on to claim that prisoner had no idea of the contents of the forged will until it had been produced in evidence.

A forceful appeal was made on prisoner's behalf by Mr. Leo d'Almada Jnr. (counsel for the defence); who referred to prisoner's youth and to the influence brought upon him by others. Prisoner had been educated at Sayingspun School and Queen's College and on leaving school appeared to have made some attempt to learn wireless. He gave that up after some time and subsequently was employed by his father in the transaction of his business. Up to the time of his having committed the forgeries to which he had pleaded guilty it appeared that he had been in every way a model son, and the father was grieved stricken on finding out the facts.

In the transaction of his father's business, prisoner was often entrusted with money up to \$1,000 and there had been no consequences before.

During the course of the transaction of his father's business prisoner fell into the company of two so-called friends, one of whom was a friend of his school days. These two began very cunningly by taking prisoner to West Point, "that haunt where transactions in the main consist of cards, wine, women and opium." That instilled into prisoner the living of a fast life for which he developed a strong liking. The consequence was that he ran into debt and his "friends" were very glib in their explanations as to how he could raise further money. They took him to the Chambers of a local barrister and while there he acted on their instructions.

Used As Cat's-paw.

Counsel concluded with an appeal for leniency on the grounds that the prisoner had been used as a cat's-paw and that he did not realise the gravity of his crime until the return of his father. During the period of his detention he had formed a resolution to amend his ways and avoid evil associates.

His Lordship, addressing prisoner, told him he had pleaded guilty to a series of acts some of which rendered him liable to imprisonment for life. His Lordship intended to give great consideration to the fact that he had pleaded guilty, to the forcible way in which counsel for the defence had appealed to the court for leniency, and to the resolution prisoner had formed to amend his ways.

Although prisoner was only eighteen years of age he was of an age of discretion when he should know the difference between right and wrong. His Lordship must also take consideration of the fact that as a result of prisoner's action that as a result of prisoner's action the Kung Fung Yuk firm had lost a considerable sum of money.

Having regard to the facts of the case, the sentence on prisoner would be nine months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Father's Appeal.

Prisoner's father then appealed to His Lordship to reduce the sentence, stating that he (the father) had been the only one to suffer financially.

His Lordship told the father that he could not reduce the sentence further. Prisoner had made himself liable to imprisonment for life. He was arraigned on five charges and it was necessary for His Lordship to make people see that they could not break the law.

Mr. Leo d'Almada suggested that the sentence might not include hard labour.

His Lordship I have always understood that hard labour is, if I might say so, an advantage to the accused.

Counsel then suggested that the sentence might date from the time of prisoner's detention.

His Lordship stated that he could not do this. He had given every effect possible to the special circumstances of the case.

FALSE ALARM.

The fire brigade received false alarm at 9.37 last night to attend an outbreak at No. 10, Water Street, West Point, the ground floor of which is occupied by the Woo Yu Wan firewood shop. Three fire-engines turned out, but on arrival found that the fire had been extinguished.

The Rev. F. W. J. Reynolds, Seven Kings, Essex, hoped to leave England for Selangor in the middle of January. He will act as assistant chaplain and chaplain on the Diocesan Staff.

NO DEATH PENALTY.

(NON-EXISTENCE IN 16 COUNTRIES)

MANY ABROGATIONS.

London.—Sentence of death no longer exists in sixteen countries of the world.

Authoritative data compiled here show that the death penalty has been abolished in Holland, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, Rumania, Austria, Latvia, Lithuania, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Honduras and Uruguay. It has been abrogated by decree in Denmark, Belgium and Finland.

It was abolished in Switzerland by Federal Constitution in 1874, but the various Cantons retained liberty of action. Fifteen Cantons have not reimposed it. In the remaining ten Cantons there have been only seven executions during the past forty years.

Eight States in the United States have abolished it.

Italy abolished the death penalty in 1889, but owing to the frequent attempts against the life of Mussolini, it was reintroduced this year, it can only be passed, however, for attacks against the King and his chief Minister.

Russia has abolished the death penalty in cases of murder. It is still imposed, however, for rapine and for political offences.

Informed circles here state that a movement for world-wide abolition is rapidly gaining ground.

In Germany.

In Germany, the Judicial Committee of the Reichstag have for many months been discussing an abolition bill promoted by influential lawyers and criminologists. It is expected to be submitted to the Reichstag itself, in an amended form, at a near date. The States of Nessen and Saxony have already abolished the penalty.

In the free city of Hamburg there has been no execution since 1917. In Prussia executions are extremely rare. The death sentence in this state is carried out only when the murder is multiple or has been committed with particularly abominable brutality.

At various times the French Chamber has discussed the abolition of capital punishment. A bill urging its abolition was recently introduced in the Chamber by M. Jouhaux.

Little progress can be reported for the abolition of capital punishment in Asiatic countries. China's varying fortunes and upheavals make it difficult for abolitionists to promote any campaign on solid lines. Greater hopes are entertained of Japan, although little authoritative data is available.

First Shoplifter: Expect to be busy during the holidays?

Second Ditto: Oh, yes; I'll have my hands full.

Wife: Jack, wake up! I feel that there's a mouse in the room.

Hubby: Well, there's a cat, too, and go to sleep.

"Was the operation successful?"

"Yes. The patient died, but the doctor recovered the estate."

Newly Married Burglar: Listen, kid, it makes it awful hard to succeed in business when you won't let me go out nights.

A son at college wrote to his father: "No mom, no fun, your son." The father answered: "How sad, too bad, your dad."

Big Athlete: Football is just a sideline with me.

His Girl: Yes, I notice that's where you're usually sitting.

Motorist (after the accident): But I've got a gadget on my car to prove that I was only doing ten miles an hour.

Professor: And I can prove, sir, by the depth of the contusion on my ribs, that I have been smitten by an object weighing seventeen hundredweight and moving with a velocity of 3,600 feet per minute.

"What do you think of these talking movies?"

"Don't like them; they wake me up."

"Why do you feed every tramp that comes along?" asked the husband irritably. "They never do anything for you."

"No," replied the wife, "but it's a great satisfaction to me to see a man eat a meal without finding fault with the cooking."

School Inspector: "Would any of you boys like to ask me a question?"

Pupil (fed up): "Please sir, what time does your train go?"

Mother: "And what have you bought granddad for his Christmas present, Tony?"

Tony: "I've bought him a nice pipe, mummy."

Mother: "But don't you know that granddad doesn't smoke, Tony?"

Tony: "Yes, mummie, but it will do nicely for me to blow bubbles."

Brown was talking about Santa Catalina, with its wonderful glass-bottomed boats, from which you can watch the fish swimming in the water, thirty or forty feet below.

"Yes," he concluded, "you can see the fish quite plainly laying at the bottom of the ocean."

"Lying, dear," corrected his wife.

"No, I'm not," said the narrator.

"It's the truth!"

PRAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

First Actress: "I wonder, dear, if I shall lose my looks, too, when I reach your age?"

Second Actress: "Well, dear, perhaps you may. You never know your luck. Let's hope so, anyway."

Little Betty, who was staying in the country with her grandma, went to the fowl house to see if there were any eggs. She returned in a few minutes, looking very disappointed.

"No eggs this morning, grannie," she said, and added, "except the one the chickens measure by."

Mrs. Newlynch (about to purchase her first real fur coat, and feeling called upon to pick every possible flaw): "Are you quite sure this fur won't shrink in the rain—one is sometimes caught without an umbrella, you know."

Long-suffering Salesman: "Madam, that fur didn't shrink on the last party who wore it, and he was never known to carry an umbrella."

Two men were trying to outdo each other with "tall" stories. When one had finished a remarkable story, the other said:

"Why, that's nothing. I know a stonemason who has only one arm."

"Nonsense," said the first man,

"how does he do the work?"

"Oh, he holds the chisel between his teeth, and hits himself on the back of the head with the hammer," was the reply.

On his way home from school Tommy looked sad and worried.

"Dear me!" exclaimed a sympathetic old lady, "whatever is troubling you my little man?"

"Dyspepsia and rheumatism," replied Tommy.

"Oh, surely not," said the old lady; "how can that be?"

"Teacher caned me 'cause I couldn't spell them," answered Tommy drowsily.

First Shoplifter: Expect to be busy during the holidays?

Second Ditto: Oh, yes; I'll have my hands full.

Wife: Jack, wake up! I feel that there's a mouse in the room.

Hubby: Well, there's a cat, too, and go to sleep.

"Was the operation successful?"

"Yes. The patient died, but the doctor recovered the estate."

Big Athlete: Football is just a sideline with me.

His Girl: Yes, I notice that's where you're usually sitting.

Motorist (after the accident): But I've got a gadget on my car to prove that I was only doing ten miles an hour.

Professor: And I can prove, sir, by the depth of the contusion on my ribs, that I have been smitten by an object weighing seventeen hundredweight and moving with a velocity of 3,600 feet per minute.

"What do you think of these talking movies?"

"Don't like them; they wake me up."

"Why do you feed every tramp that comes along?" asked the husband irritably. "They never do anything for you."

"No," replied the wife, "but it's a great satisfaction to me to see a man eat a meal without finding fault with the cooking."

STUDENT CHARGED.

SEQUEL TO "HORSEPLAY"
AT XMAS.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS HEARING.

The Criminal Sessions proceedings in respect of the death of a student twelve hours after he had been struck on the head in the Club Room of the South China Athletic Association, China Building, on Christmas night, opened this morning before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

A Chinese youth, Lo Ching-hing, is charged with the manslaughter of Ho Kwong-hoi.

At the outset of the case, His Honour disallowed a plea by a member of the jury to be exempted from service. The jurymen stated he was the veterinary surgeon to the Dairy Farm Co. and was liable to be called away.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins was for the defence.

Outlining the case Mr. H. K. Holmes (for the Crown) and the events took place on December 25 when the deceased, who was a schoolboy, was sitting on a sofa in the Association's premises. The prisoner went up to him and touched his cheeks, and apparently resenting this, he made an attempt to kick the prisoner. The latter pushed the other boy back on the sofa but he got up again and was then struck by the prisoner on the side of the head.

An Unlucky Blow.

He went home feeling "out of sorts" and died the following morning. The case the Crown desired to bring home was that the accused struck the deceased and unluckily killed him. It was not put higher than that. Although the accused started the quarrel or affair he might in his turn have received some provocation by the deceased kicking his shins. The blow as a blow was not accidental but it was intentional and unlawful and the deceased would not have died but for the injury caused by the blow.

The mother of deceased was called to give evidence and in cross examination by Mr. Jenkins she said the boy told her he had fallen down in the street. He did not say he had hurt his head. In answer to the jury witness said a Chinese doctor was called in and prescribed medicine which was administered. He did not say what the boy was suffering from but said his condition was serious.

A schoolboy who was present at the time described what had taken place and said that when Lo rose from the sofa he appeared to be angry.

In answer to Mr. Jenkins witness agreed that six people had given evidence as eye witnesses. Some of the latter were friends of the witness.

Mr. Jenkins.—Prisoner and deceased were very good friends—I should not say so.

They were chums and played together?—Yes.

They often fooled about just as they did on this night?—I have not seen such fooling about before.

Skull In Court.

Dr. Alexander Cannon, who made a post mortem examination described the nature of the injuries. Witness also used a skull to illustrate his remarks.

Asked what kind of a blow would cause the injury to the head he had described witness said there was no question that it must have been a blow with something in the nature of a closed fist in order to get the vibration necessary to cause an injury both inside and outside the skull. It could not have been caused by a cricket ball and of any instrument he knew of he thought a fist was most likely to have caused the injury.

Cross examined by Mr. Jenkins, witness said he had experience of four other cases of a similar injury. All were caused by a fist and led to death, although at varying times after the blow.

He thought that in two of the cases the injury was caused by blows struck in a playground fight at schools at home and a third case was, he believed, similar. He thought the other case was one in which two boys were boxing at school without gloves.

The case is proceeding.

The Bedford Russell Challenge Trophy at Muren for ski-jumping, states Reuter, was won by J. Ridell with 149 points, Nixon being second with 143 points, and D. Raeburn third with 130 points.

West Ham have come through their holiday programme with only a couple of casualties. Russell, their international outside left, got a nasty knock on his knee while playing against Newcastle. Stanley Earle has badly damaged his ankle and will not be able to play against Derby County.

DEC. 7 AFFAIR.

SEQUEL TO STREET BATTLE WITH ROBBERS.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Criminal Sessions proceedings commenced this morning in respect of the charge against Chan Hung of the murder of a Chinese constable. This is a sequel to the street battle on December 7 between a gang of four Chinese gunmen and a police picket in the charge of Sgt. T. McMahon in the course of which two Chinese policemen and a gunman were killed and Sgt. McMahon, two other policemen and a second gunman were seriously wounded.

It is alleged by the Crown that the prisoner is the gunman who ran from the scene of the first shooting near the fruit market in Bonham Strand, down the Praya, firing as he ran, and that he shot dead a Chinese police searcher near the Yau Ma Tei ferry wharf before he himself was wounded and brought down.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy appeared for the Crown at today's hearing and Mr. Leo d'Almada Junr. was for the defence.

Medical evidence was given as to the death of the constable as a result of a gunshot wound and Dr. A. Cannon was cross-examined as to the probable distance from which the fatal shot had been fired, counsel pointing to the fact that the bullet had not gone right through the body as might be expected if as claimed in evidence, the shot had been fired at almost point-blank range.

Fired Close Up. In maintaining that the gun must have been fired close up to deceased, Dr. Cannon explained the various factors involved in the passage of a bullet, such as the kind of clothes worn and the obstacles met with in the bullet's course.

Police armourer Greenwood was also called and questioned by counsel for the defence as to the likelihood of anyone having been able to reload, whilst running, a revolver such as was alleged to have been that used by prisoner. Witness admitted that since the shooting affair the gun had been laid up and a certain amount of corrosion had set in, making the parts stiff. When witness examined it about a month ago it was in good working order.

Another Chinese. Sergt. Flaherty, who was on the scene of the shooting shortly afterwards gave evidence and admitted that so far as the chase was concerned he was only able to say that the man running and firing wore a white coat and black trousers.

Chinese constables and others participating in various stages of the chase were then called. The case is proceeding.

Charges are also to be preferred against another Chinese alleged to have been one of the gunmen, of robbery, shooting with intent to kill and unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

T. U. FUSIONS.**PRELUDER TO FURTHER EFFORTS.**

It has long been the policy of the Trades Union Congress to secure "fewer unions and more unionists," and the general secretary, Mr. Walter Citrine, has now addressed to all trade unions a communication in which he asks for an answer to the three following questions:

Whether your executive is prepared to participate in amalgamation negotiations with other unions.

The extent to which it is prepared to agree to joint working arrangements with other unions.

With which unions, in its opinion, is there the greatest possibility of progress being made in negotiations on either or both of the above questions.

The questions have been framed in accordance with the recommendations accepted by the Edinburgh Congress, and replies are requested by Feb. 27. I understand that renewed efforts are being made to promote the amalgamation of the Typographical Association, the Scottish Typographical Association, and the National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants. Mr. George Isaac, secretary of "Natsopa," has written on behalf of his executive to the executives of the two T.A.'s asking if they thought any useful purpose would now be served by resuming discussions. It has been suggested, as part of the suggested amalgamation, that women compositors should be recognised within the area in which they are employed.

—Correspondent in "Daily Telegraph."

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of cargo ex.s.s. "City of Benares" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 10.

DAME CLARA BUTT.**MAY VISIT HERE SHORTLY.****NOW IN INDIA.**

Dame Clara Butt, the noted singer, will probably visit Hong Kong and other places in the Far East very shortly according to her own statements made in India.

She was recently staying at Government House, Rangoon, in the course of her tour in the East and was to leave Rangoon for Madras, Darjeeling, Agra, Delhi and possibly Peshawar.

As for her Far Eastern trip, Dame Butt said: "I also want to see something of the Far East and I must see China and Japan. Besides, I've an interest in Japan. I want to see the new Columbia works in Tokyo and possibly produce some records for them there."

Dame Clara Butt came out for a holiday. She is not getting it.

That is not to say that she is failing to enjoy herself—on the contrary—but merely indicates that a great singer's determination not to come is only a matter to be overcome when that singer is good-hearted and the public anxious not only to snatch a musical treat but to render tribute.

In Calcutta Dame Clara Butt gave three concerts and then sang at the Cathedral.

"When I started from England," said Dame Clara to a Press representative, "I didn't mean to sing anywhere—at all. But others thought differently, and there you are."

Dame Clara has no stock stories but she related quite a funny incident that had occurred only a few hours previously—on her ship's arrival in Rangoon River.

"I was half asleep in my cabin," said Dame Clara, "and trying to get quite asleep, when a voice came Anne fyerarrms please." "Pardon, I said."

"Anne fyerarrms?" "Still I didn't understand. What is the matter?" I asked.

"Please, madam, have you got a gun?" No, and a jolly good job it is for you that I haven't!" "Shanghai Times."

"TERRIBLE TIM."**ADmits HE SPEAKS "MANY ENGLISH."**

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

Senor Timoteo Malquitar ("Terrible Tim") peered out through the bars of the small American gaol yesterday and sighed unhappily.

Tim, it seemed, longed for the sunshine of his beloved Philippine Islands, for the luxuriant green of the tropics, for the exciting cock fights and flashing-eyed señoritas.

A visitor conversed with the "Terrible One," who is in the gaol awaiting punishment after being adjudged guilty on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was tried in the American Court before Judge Milton D. Purdy.

"Do you speak English, Tim?" he was asked.

The "Terrible One" drew himself up to his full five feet and answered proudly:

"Sir, I speak many English." Just like that! Never let it be said that Timoteo Malquitar does not know his onions.

"How many English do you speak, Tim?" the visitor wanted to know.

"One English," he replied. "Those are all?"

"Yes," rather shortly, too, for the "Terrible One" seemed to be aroused over something.

A Chinese boy brought food to Tim at this moment.

Tim made the sign of the Cross and sat down to eat himself.

Your shipmate, Tim, says he forgives you for having fired two shots at him," he was told.

In the act of spearing a potato Tim paused to reply:

"I no fire the pistol to keel hem. He try keel me. I no care. Maybe I go heaven, maybe I go below. I should worry. I got friends in both places."

Tim spearred the potato successfully and the conversation ended:—"Shanghai Times."

CANADIAN STEEL.**AMERICA TO ENTER MARKET.**

Montreal; Yesterday.

The "Star" reports that the United States Steel Corporation has decided to establish itself in Canada and build big factories for the Canadian market and export. The first factory is to be established at Dijibway, near Windsor. Total cost \$725.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A Chinese woman attempted to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour from the Shamshui po ferry launch "Man Kwong," whilst on a voyage to Hong Kong. She was rescued by a seaman of the launch, and was later removed by the police to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

STAR THEATRE.**BANVARD MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.****"KATJA" THIS EVENING.**

To-night at 9.15 in the Star Theatre The Banvard Musical Comedy Company begins a Kowloon season of four nights. The first piece to be presented is "Katja the Dancer," the delightful musical comedy which had a long run at Daly's and the Gaiety in London.

This piece met with instant success when presented at the Theatre Royal last week, and it is sure to go with a great swing to-night.

"Katja" will be followed by the delightful comedy, "Mercenary Mary," the musical comedy, "Queen High," which has been played for one night only in Hong Kong, and "The Review of Revues," which will be entirely new to the Colony.

Comprising the best items of five different revues, "The Review of Revues" will be one of the most sparkling productions ever presented in Hong Kong.

Booking for the Kowloon season is at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre. Prices of admission are \$5, \$4, \$2 and \$1. The first two rows of the stalls are \$5, but there are plenty of seats in the orchestra stalls and dress circle at \$4. After the success achieved at the Theatre Royal, a thoroughly enjoyable season in Kowloon may be expected.

Dame Clara Butt came out for a holiday. She is not getting it.

That is not to say that she is failing to enjoy herself—on the contrary—but merely indicates that a great singer's determination not to come is only a matter to be overcome when that singer is good-hearted and the public anxious not only to snatch a musical treat but to render tribute.

As for her Far Eastern trip, Dame Butt said: "I also want to see something of the Far East and I must see China and Japan. Besides, I've an interest in Japan. I want to see the new Columbia works in Tokyo and possibly produce some records for them there."

Dame Clara has no stock stories but she related quite a funny incident that had occurred only a few hours previously—on her ship's arrival in Rangoon River.

"I was half asleep in my cabin," said Dame Clara, "and trying to get quite asleep, when a voice came Anne fyerarrms please." "Pardon, I said."

"Anne fyerarrms?" "Still I didn't understand. What is the matter?" I asked.

"Please, madam, have you got a gun?" No, and a jolly good job it is for you that I haven't!" "Shanghai Times."

Dame Clara has no stock stories but she related quite a funny incident that had occurred only a few hours previously—on her ship's arrival in Rangoon River.

"I was half asleep in my cabin," said Dame Clara, "and trying to get quite asleep, when a voice came Anne fyerarrms please." "Pardon, I said."

"Anne fyerarrms?" "Still I didn't understand. What is the matter?" I asked.

"Please, madam, have you got a gun?" No, and a jolly good job it is for you that I haven't!" "Shanghai Times."

Dame Clara has no stock stories but she related quite a funny incident that had occurred only a few hours previously—on her ship's arrival in Rangoon River.

"I was half asleep in my cabin," said Dame Clara, "and trying to get quite asleep, when a voice came Anne fyerarrms please." "Pardon, I said."

"Anne fyerarrms?" "Still I didn't understand. What is the matter?" I asked.

"Please, madam, have you got a gun?" No, and a jolly good job it is for you that I haven't!" "Shanghai Times."

Dame Clara has no stock stories but she related quite a funny incident that had occurred only a few hours previously—on her ship's arrival in Rangoon River.

"I was half asleep in my cabin," said Dame Clara, "and trying to get quite asleep, when a voice came Anne fyerarrms please." "Pardon, I said."

"Anne fyerarrms?" "Still I didn't understand. What is the matter?" I asked.

"Please, madam, have you got a gun?" No, and a jolly good job it is for you that I haven't!" "Shanghai Times."

Dame Clara has no stock stories but she related quite a funny incident that had occurred only a few hours previously—on her ship's arrival in Rangoon River.

"I was half asleep in my cabin," said Dame Clara, "and trying to get quite asleep, when a voice came Anne fyerarrms please." "Pardon, I said."

"Anne fyerarrms?" "Still I didn't understand. What is the matter?" I asked.

"Please, madam, have you got a gun?" No, and a jolly good job it is for you that I haven't!" "Shanghai Times."

Dame Clara has no stock stories but she related quite a funny incident that had occurred only a few hours previously—on her ship's arrival in Rangoon River.

"I was half asleep in my cabin," said Dame Clara, "and trying to get quite asleep, when a voice came Anne fyerarrms please." "Pardon, I said."

"Anne fyerarrms?" "Still I didn't understand. What is the matter?" I asked.

"Please, madam, have you got a gun?" No, and a jolly good job it is for you that I haven't!" "Shanghai Times."

</div

THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LTD.
2, Queen's Buildings.
Tel. Central 236.

AGENTS FOR
**BRIGGS' BITUMINOUS
ENAMELS & SOLUTIONS.**

SOLE AGENTS FOR
"UNION"
ANTI-CORROSION and ANTI-FOULING
COMPOSITIONS
FOR SHIP'S BOTTOMS.

G. FALCONER & CO., (HONG KONG) LTD.

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS
DIAMOND MERCHANTS
Union Building (Opposite G.P.O.)

Agents for—ADMIRALTY CHARTS,
ROSS'S BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES,
KELVIN'S NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
ENGLISH SILVERWARE, direct from Manufacturers.
High Class English Jewellery.

DO NOT CATCH COLD AT NIGHT
BUY A WATERBOTTLE
WE HAVE IN STOCK

A LARGE SELECTION
OF

Rubber and Porcelain
WATER-BOTTLES

Prices from \$2.75 — \$6.00 each.

THE QUEEN'S DISPENSARY,
22, Des Voeux Road Central.

CHY LOONG.

New Season. Preserved Ginger.

Best quality—Prompt attention to Exporters.

Office:—231, Queen's Road Central, 2nd floor. Tel. Central 2530.
Factory:—500-504, Canton Road, Yau Ma Tei. Tel. K. 869.

THE
HONG KONG
**DOLLAR
DIRECTORY**

Hong Kong's most Accurate, and
Cheapest Directory

NOW ON SALE

AT

THE HONGKONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.

3A, Wyndham Street.

and at—WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW & CO., LTD.

KELLY & WALSH.

AH YAU—(H.K. Ferry Wharf).

LEE YEE—(D'Aguilar St.)

AH YAU—(Peak Tram Station).

KOWLOON WHARF.

HUNG CHEONG—(Kowloon).

LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Andrew Caldecott, M.C.S., has taken Mr. H. C. Solf's place as Secretary for Postal Affairs, F.M.S., and S.S.

Mr. P. T. Allan, Secretary for Chinese Affairs F.M.S., will leave for Siam to study the problem of Chinese immigration.

Sick leave has been granted by the Kiangsu Provincial Government to Mr. Yang Shao-han, Chief Judge of Shanghai District Court.

The Japanese Emperor gave a luncheon at the Akasaka Detached Palace in honour of M. Troyanovsky, the newly appointed Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo.

It is semi-officially reported in Chinese circles that Dr. C. T. Wang will succeed Dr. C. C. Wu as Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Nanjing Government.

Mr. C. E. Phipps, of the Singapore office of the Standard Oil Company of New York, is looking after the company's interests in Kuala Lumpur for the time being.

Admiral and Mrs. Mark L. Bristol entertained at dinner on the U. S. S. "Pittsburgh" in honour of Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt and Lady Tyrwhitt, who are in Manila.

Cali (Colombia).—More than 100 miners have been entombed in Las Goldondras mine owing to a cave-in 300 yards below the surface. It is feared that all are dead.—"Exchange Telegraph."

London, January 29.—Nancy Miller, the Seattle girl who was engaged to be married to the former Maharajah of Indore, has cancelled her engagement, states the "Empire News" in its to-day's issue.

Mr. Vezey is coming out from Home by the "Karmala" to join the F.M.S. Police Force as Probationary Assistant Commissioner of Police.

At Lane, Crawford's restaurant last evening, the members of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club and their friends enjoyed another of the popular dances organised in connection with the Club. The "Melodians" of H.M.S. "Titania" supplied the dance music, and a merry time was spent by all.

Mrs. Ursula Cameron Darby, whose death in London on Christmas Eve is announced, was the widow of Mr. H. M. Darby, who was the first representative member for Malacca on the Legislative Council. Mr. Darby, in conjunction with Mr. W. M. Sime, O.B.E., founded the firm of Sime, Darby & Co., Ltd., in 1910.

Viscount Shimpei Goto, who returned from Russia a few days ago, called on M. Troyanovsky, the Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo, and expressed his thanks for the warm receptions accorded him by both officials and civilians during his stay in Russia. Viscount Goto asked the Soviet Ambassador to convey his thanks to the Moscow Government. Viscount Goto visited Burton Tanaka and reported on his inspection tour.

It is generally expected that the Peking Cabinet will undergo a fundamental re-organisation within a few days' time. The Ministers of Finance, Justice and Foreign Affairs will be among those to be re-appointed, says a "Kuo Wen" report.

Rather unsatisfactory reports have been received in Kuala Lumpur regarding the health of Mr. A. W. H. Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., who has been spending the latter part of his leave in Florida and the West Indies.

Mr. Ismail Khan, son of the late Mr. Ibrahim Khan of Taiping, who went to England to study for the Bar, has passed with Honours in Class I. in the finals of the Bar Examination. Mr. Ismail Khan was formerly a student of St. George's School, Taiping.

The case was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, in which Mrs. L. R. Castellan summoned her former amanuensis for disorderly conduct and the use of abusive language. The Magistrate bound the defendant over in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace for six months.

An erroneous report was circulated to the effect that Dr. Wilhelm Solf, the German Ambassador to Japan, had arrived in Shanghai by the N. D. L. S. S. "Saarbruecken." Dr. Solf still is in Tokyo. Let his two sons, Herman and Otto, accompanied by their tutor, governess, and nurse, were on the steamer. Mrs. Solf will join the vessel at Singapore. Dr. Solf is going home later in the year.

Shanghai, Feb. 15.—The Datbank re-opened this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. J. Towers, of Ipoh and Taok, celebrated their silver wedding.

The Nationalist Ministry of Finance has forbidden the export of copper coins from Shanghai.

Mr. P. A. Cox, Shanghai Agent of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, Ltd., returned to Shanghai from a business trip to Hong Kong.

Mr. C. W. Biddle, of the National City Bank, who has been attached to the Shanghai branch for some time, left Shanghai to join the branch at Hankow.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops have been re-organised into three armies to be controlled by Marshal Sun himself and Generals Chen Chung-yen and Li Pao-chang.

The marriage was solemnised at St. John's Church, Kuala Lumpur, of Mr. G. Sta. Maria, of the F.M.S. Railways, and Miss Geraldine Nunis, daughter of Mr. Maurice Nunis, of the Audit Office, Kuala Lumpur, and Mrs. Nunis.

Rather unsatisfactory reports have been received in Kuala Lumpur regarding the health of Mr. A. W. H. Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., who has been spending the latter part of his leave in Florida and the West Indies.

In the F.M.S. "Government Gazette," the Chief Secretary to Government records with deep regret the death of Dr. R. J. Colbert, Medical Officer, Malayan Medical Service, which occurred at the European Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, on Jan. 30.

Mr. Vezey is coming out from Home by the "Karmala" to join the F.M.S. Police Force as Probationary Assistant Commissioner of Police.

At Lane, Crawford's restaurant last evening, the members of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club and their friends enjoyed another of the popular dances organised in connection with the Club. The "Melodians" of H.M.S. "Titania" supplied the dance music, and a merry time was spent by all.

Mrs. Ursula Cameron Darby, whose death in London on Christmas Eve is announced, was the widow of Mr. H. M. Darby, who was the first representative member for Malacca on the Legislative Council. Mr. Darby, in conjunction with Mr. W. M. Sime, O.B.E., founded the firm of Sime, Darby & Co., Ltd., in 1910.

Viscount Shimpei Goto, who returned from Russia a few days ago, called on M. Troyanovsky, the Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo, and expressed his thanks for the warm receptions accorded him by both officials and civilians during his stay in Russia. Viscount Goto asked the Soviet Ambassador to convey his thanks to the Moscow Government. Viscount Goto visited Burton Tanaka and reported on his inspection tour.

General Chen Tiao-yuan will proceed to Hauchowfu to direct military operations at the front. He expects to confer with General Chiang Kai-shek first, who now is at Hauchowfu.

The 25th anniversary of Mr. Yu Ya-ching's connection with the Netherlands Bank was observed on Saturday night, when a dinner was given at the Astor House Hotel.

Mr. Yu is chief comprador of the bank, a position he has held for many years.

The American Consulate-General is interested in obtaining information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. L. E. Hoover, Mr. Arthur Morey, and Mr. R. G. Batson. Any particulars regarding the present whereabouts of the above-named persons will be appreciated.

Mr. J. Samuel, Chief Government Vaccinator, Penang, has retired on pension after 38 years of meritorious service. Starting his career in the Medical Department in 1890 as Hospital Assistant in Butterworth Hospital under Dr. J. H. McClosky, he was subsequently in charge of several District Hospitals.

Charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy with attempting to pick the pocket of a Chinese woman on a Yau Ma Tei ferry launch, a member of the "light-fingered brigade" who was alleged to have cut the woman's pocket, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch.

Pirates in two boats attacked a Chinese boat at Yang Yau, in the south Whangpoo recently and robbed it of \$2,000 bodily, according to the Chinese newspapers. The boat was carrying a cargo of towels, stockings, etc., and every one of the boatmen who resisted the attack was wounded by the armed pirates. The wounded men are being treated at the local Red Cross hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tate, of Taiping, will be sailing from England some time this month on their return to Perak.

Lieut.-Commander W. McKenzie, Commander of the Salvation Army in North China, has arrived in Shanghai from Tientsin.

Mr. P. A. Cox, Shanghai Agent of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, Ltd., returned to Shanghai from a business trip to Hong Kong.

Mr. C. W. Biddle, of the National City Bank, who has been attached to the Shanghai branch for some time, left Shanghai to join the branch at Hankow.

Rather unsatisfactory reports have been received in Kuala Lumpur regarding the health of Mr. A. W. H. Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., who has been spending the latter part of his leave in Florida and the West Indies.

The marriage was solemnised at St. John's Church, Kuala Lumpur, of Mr. G. Sta. Maria, of the F.M.S. Railways, and Miss Geraldine Nunis, daughter of Mr. Maurice Nunis, of the Audit Office, Kuala Lumpur, and Mrs. Nunis.

Rather unsatisfactory reports have been received in Kuala Lumpur regarding the health of Mr. A. W. H. Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., who has been spending the latter part of his leave in Florida and the West Indies.

In the F.M.S. "Government Gazette," the Chief Secretary to Government records with deep regret the death of Dr. R. J. Colbert, Medical Officer, Malayan Medical Service, which occurred at the European Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, on Jan. 30.

Mr. Vezey is coming out from Home by the "Karmala" to join the F.M.S. Police Force as Probationary Assistant Commissioner of Police.

At Lane, Crawford's restaurant last evening, the members of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club and their friends enjoyed another of the popular dances organised in connection with the Club. The "Melodians" of H.M.S. "Titania" supplied the dance music, and a merry time was spent by all.

Mrs. Ursula Cameron Darby, whose death in London on Christmas Eve is announced, was the widow of Mr. H. M. Darby, who was the first representative member for Malacca on the Legislative Council. Mr. Darby, in conjunction with Mr. W. M. Sime, O.B.E., founded the firm of Sime, Darby & Co., Ltd., in 1910.

Viscount Shimpei Goto, who returned from Russia a few days ago, called on M. Troyanovsky, the Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo, and expressed his thanks for the warm receptions accorded him by both officials and civilians during his stay in Russia. Viscount Goto asked the Soviet Ambassador to convey his thanks to the Moscow Government. Viscount Goto visited Burton Tanaka and reported on his inspection tour.

General Chen Tiao-yuan will proceed to Hauchowfu to direct military operations at the front. He expects to confer with General Chiang Kai-shek first, who now is at Hauchowfu.

The American Consulate-General is interested in obtaining information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. L. E. Hoover, Mr. Arthur Morey, and Mr. R. G. Batson. Any particulars regarding the present whereabouts of the above-named persons will be appreciated.

Mr. J. Samuel, Chief Government Vaccinator, Penang, has retired on pension after 38 years of meritorious service. Starting his career in the Medical Department in 1890 as Hospital Assistant in Butterworth Hospital under Dr. J. H. McClosky, he was subsequently in charge of several District Hospitals.

Charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy with attempting to pick the pocket of a Chinese woman on a Yau Ma Tei ferry launch, a member of the "light-fingered brigade" who was alleged to have cut the woman's pocket, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch.

Pirates in two boats attacked a Chinese boat at Yang Yau, in the south Whangpoo recently and robbed it of \$2,000 bodily, according to the Chinese newspapers. The boat was carrying a cargo of towels, stockings, etc., and every one of the boatmen who resisted the attack was wounded by the armed pirates. The wounded men are being treated at the local Red Cross hospital.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

BEST PORTLAND CEMENT

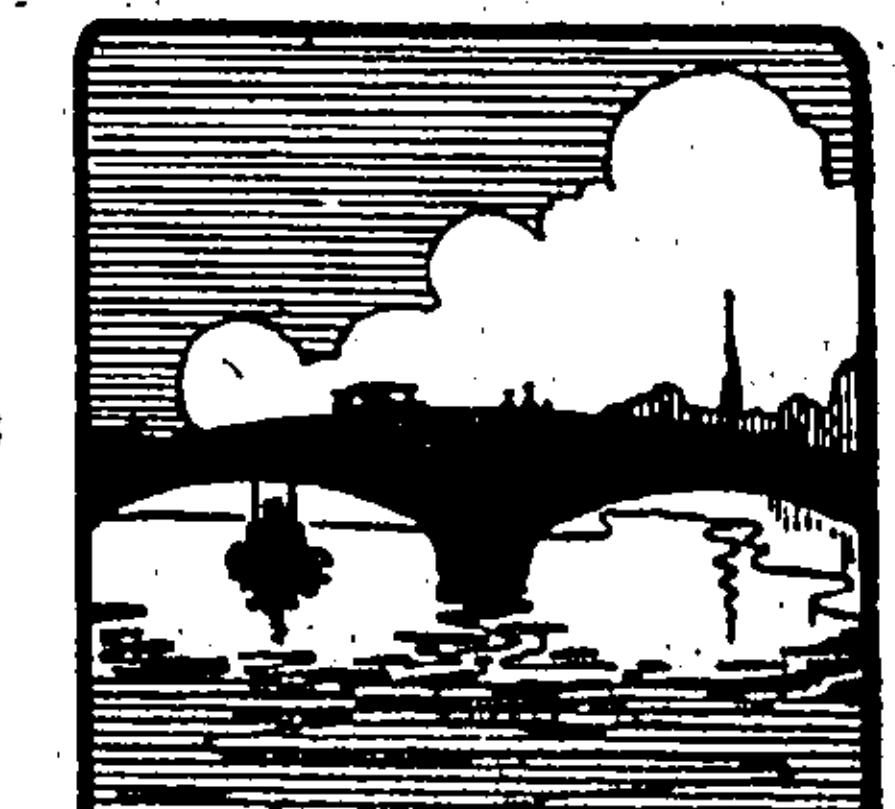
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers

HONG KONG.

K. M. A.

CERAMIC & REFRactory PRODUCTS

CLINKER.
PAVING.
BUILDING
& FIRE
BRICKS



STONE-
WARE
PIPES &
GLAZED
TILES

Ask for our Illustrated Catalogue—Compare our Prices
and Inspect our wide Range of Samples

THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION.
DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong.

SAND-LIME BRICKS.

Best machine made bricks
Highest tests and uniform qualities.
For Economy, Quality, Beauty, Durability, and
Satisfaction unsurpassed.

YEE YICK SAND-LIME BRICK CO.,

CHING IU NAM
Manager.

Factory:—Canton. Hong Kong Office,
148, Queen's Road, West, 1st Floor.
Telephone No. C.3882.

For your floor—furniture—and
every domestic article requiring
a stained and varnished finish

"Wilheyela"
Oil Varnish Stains

IN

Oaks—Walnut
Mahogany—Satinwood
Rosewood—Ebony Black

Can be applied by anyone.
Always reliable, never sticky.
Non-poisonous and durable.

AGENTS

S. C. LAY & CO.

Alexandra Building. Telephone Central 763.

Wilkinson, Heywood & Clark
SHANGAI. HONG KONG.

</div

SPORTS

HOME SOCCER.

SIX LEAGUE MATCHES IN MID-WEEK.

4 VISITING CLUBS WIN.

London, Yesterday.
Principal league football matches played to-day (home team mentioned first) resulted as follow:

The League.

Division I.: Derby 2, Liverpool 3.
Division II.: Reading 3, Bristol City 2.

Division III. (Southern Section):
Southend 1, Exeter 2.

Division III. (Northern Section):
Accrington 2, Tranmere 3.

New Brighton 0, Southport 1.

Scottish League.

Division I.: Motherwell 6, Raith 0.—Reuter.

LEAGUE TABLES.

League tables to date follow:

Division I.

	Gols.	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.
Everton	28	14	7 73 49 35
Huddersfield	27	15	4 8 67 47 34
Leicester	29	13	7 9 68 51 33
Bolton	27	13	5 9 57 42 31
Cardiff	27	11	8 8 48 48 30
Burnley	29	14	2 13 60 60 30
Newcastle	28	11	7 10 56 54 29
Tottenham	28	12	5 11 59 59 29
Blackburn	28	10	9 40 49 49 29
Liverpool	28	10	8 10 61 54 28
Sunderland	28	7	9 48 47 27
Aston Villa	28	11	5 12 53 52 27
Arsenal	26	10	7 9 55 50 27
Bury	28	12	2 14 47 53 26
West Ham.	27	11	4 12 58 55 26
Middlesbrough	28	9	8 11 60 61 26
Derby	28	9	7 12 65 63 25
Sheffield U.	28	9	7 12 60 60 25
Manchester	27	10	5 12 47 52 25
Birmingham	27	6	11 10 44 55 23
Portsmouth	28	8	6 13 43 64 22
Wednesday	27	5	9 13 49 60 19

Division II.

	Gols.	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.
Chelsea	27	17	6 4 55 27 40
Mancheste	27	17	4 6 59 42 38
Preston	28	10	6 6 64 49 38
Leeds	27	16	4 8 57 49 38
Stoke	27	15	5 8 54 40 38
Notts. C.	26	12	6 8 53 50 30
West Brom.	27	11	8 9 63 52 30
Port Vale	27	13	2 12 47 49 28
Bristol C.	28	11	6 11 57 55 28
Hull	26	10	7 33 34 28
Grimsby	27	10	8 9 45 45 28
Swansea	27	11	5 11 54 52 27
Notts. C.	27	8	7 12 44 50 23
Rend	28	8	7 13 42 58 23
Clapton O.	27	9	5 13 47 51 23
Barnsley	28	8	7 13 35 61 23
Blackpool	28	8	6 15 58 73 22
Southampton	28	7	7 14 45 54 21
Fulham	27	7	5 15 51 67 19
Wolves	27	7	5 15 45 68 19
South Shields	27	3	5 19 40 83 11

Division III. (South)

	Gols.	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.
Millwall	27	18	4 5 82 38 40
Northants	25	16	5 5 68 40 37
Plymouths	27	15	4 8 61 38 34
Exeter	26	12	9 5 46 34 33
Brighton	27	13	5 9 57 49 31
Queen's Park	26	12	6 9 44 32 30
Swindon	22	15	5 6 57 41 29
Newport	26	11	7 8 48 45 29
Charlton	24	9	10 6 39 41 28
Crystal Pal.	27	9	9 9 48 53 27
Bournemouth	26	10	6 10 47 48 26
Southend	26	11	3 11 45 45 26
Brentford	28	11	3 14 52 57 26
Walsall	28	9	7 12 47 46 26
Norwich	26	7	7 12 51 53 21
Gillingham	24	7	7 10 38 46 21
Coventry	27	8	5 14 47 64 21
Bristol R.	27	9	2 15 49 65 20
Merthyr	27	6	8 13 38 67 18
Witford	26	8	14 43 64 19
Torquay	26	6	8 13 32 67 18
Luton	25	6	5 14 56 59 17

Division III. (North)

	Gols.	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.
Bradford	28	19	7 2 47 45 22
Dunster	27	17	4 6 60 55 23
Tranmere	26	14	6 6 64 39 23
Stockport	26	14	5 7 49 33 23
Lincoln	28	14	10 56 55 32
Durlington	26	13	4 9 56 37 30
Halifax	27	11	8 8 54 42 30
Accrington	28	11	8 9 54 47 30
Southport	27	13	3 11 57 45 29
Wrexham	26	13	3 10 47 40 29
Bradford C.	27	9	10 8 57 43 28
Rochdale	26	11	1 11 52 52 27
Harlepool	27	11	5 13 49 57 27
Chesterfield	27	8	8 12 44 53 24
Rotherham	26	8	7 11 44 55 23
New Brighton	25	8	6 11 42 41 23
Crowe	27	7	7 13 51 62 21
Ashington	28	7	7 14 47 74 21
Durham	28	8	5 15 38 46 21
Nelson	26	8	3 15 51 77 19
Barrow	28	5	6 17 33 79 19
Wigan	28	5	5 18 33 72 15

Scottish League.

	Gols.	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.
Rangers	27	19	5 3 83 39 48
Motherwell	28	18	6 4 75 31 42
Celtic	27	17	7 3 70 24 41
Hearts	27	17	4 7 78 38 38
St. Mirren	28	14	5 9 57 59 33
Kilmarnock	28	12	8 8 52 58 32
Aberdeen	29	14	3 12 54 53 31
Partick	28	13	5 10 67 49 31
Cowdenbeath	28	12	6 60 52 30
Falkirk	28	14	2 12 60 52 30
St. Johnstone	20	11	7 11 57 54 29
Hibernians	20	10	7 11 54 51 27
Dundee	24	10	4 14 47 62 24
Airdrie	23	7	9 12 45 55 23
Queen's Park	28	8	6 14 49 65 22
Hamilton	27	8	2 17 34 45 21
Ruth Rovers	27	6	10 43 74 17
Dunfermline	27	8	2 22 30 35 9

KOWLOON'S SHIELD TEAMS.

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon F.C. 1st XI in a Shield match (senior) v. R.A.F. on Saturday, at Kowloon, kick-off, 4:15 p.m.;—Angus, Wheeler, Dodson; Hedley, Sims, McKeivie, Reed, Kernick, Norhey, Muir, Miles.

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon F.C. 2nd XI in a Shield match (junior) v. XI in a Shield match (senior) v.

FIGURES TO KNOW.

PRIZES AND FORM AT RACE MEETING.

LUSITANO CHAMPIONS SWEEP.

Prizes in the Club Lusitano cash sweep on the Champions were won as follows:

Mr. E. Cordeiro, Saigon \$27,275.00
Mr. H. Carvalho, Macao 7,790.00
Nom-de-plume, Tientsin 3,895.00
for qualified ponies 2,160.00
for other ponies 2,160.00

Hong Kong Club

Mr. K. Ewart 1st prize.

Mr. R. J. Brown 2nd "

Mr. M. O. Clark 3rd "

Both starters drawn by Capt.

G. W. Hallifax, R.N. Other draw-

ers of ponies were Messrs. T. E.

Penre, W. F. Simmons, J. C. Clark,

C. E. Grist, R. K

BIG SALE

LADIES RAIN COAT - - \$5 Start
 WHITE SHOES - - \$1.00
 SUMMER HAT - - \$3.00

ALSO

**Remarkable Reductions
in all Departments.**

YEE SANG FAT CO.

Hong Kong's Artistic Photographers

PHOTO TAKEN DAY AND NIGHT

The

YING MING STUDIO

No. 50-52, Queen's Road Central.

DEVELOPING, PRINTING AND ENLARGING.

(Official Photographers of the "China Mail.")

HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(Established 1889)

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO BUSINESS
AND PROFESSIONAL MEN

is page 3 of the

38th Annual Report and
Statement of Accounts

of the above Society

NOW IN THE POST

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR IT!

PUBLICITY.

EXTRACT from an address given by Mr. Arthur Chadwick (Managing Director of the Amalgamated Publicity Services, Ltd.) at the recent Advertising Convention at Olympia, London.

"No business man says that he is too busy to read a business communication. Scientifically conceived and well printed, it can attract the attention, rouse the interest, and whet the curiosity of the recipient. THE PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL WILL INVARIABLY STUDY A PROPERLY PRINTED PIECE OF LITERATURE."

SEND US YOUR NEXT
PRINTING ORDER.**NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE, LTD.**3a, Wyndham Street,
HONG KONG.

TELEPHONE CENTRAL 22.

YOU
ARE INVITED TO INSPECT
OUR STOCK OF
ASiATIC, FOREIGN AND
COLONIAL
POSTAGE STAMPS
In SETS, SINGLE PACKETS,
BAGS AND APPROVAL
SHEETS.

GRACA & CO.
Dealers in Postage Stamps,
Philatelic Goods, Picture
Postcards, Toys, &c.
No. 10, WYNDHAM STREET,
P. O. Box No. 620, HONG KONG

THE WORLD OF BOOKS**ART OF BIOGRAPHY.****NOTES ON MEN AND METHODS.**

It is perhaps scarcely surprising to find at a time when the method of approach or attack on the part of all artists towards their art is changing that biography should also undergo a sea-change. The novelist in Gertrude Stein tries to get outside time; the landscape painter seems occasionally to be trying to rid himself of the idea of space; the poet has long ago thrown overboard the artifice of rhyme if not of rhythm; the dramatist is fumbling after expressionism; the essayist is become half don, half priest; the letter-writer is dead. The biographer is very much alive, but poles apart from his predecessors in outlook and method. "Bismarck," says Emil Ludwig, "resembles the faces painted by Rembrandt, and must be so depicted." To Ludwig the pre-eminent characteristics of the German Chancellor were pride, courage, and hatred. These three traits are etched in deeply. All else is eliminated. We get as a result a brilliant lightning flash of a face, not the whole rounded, complex, inconsequential thing we call soul.

Ludwig has the supreme virtue of being readable, but we are left with the feeling that he has not given us the complete man. Andre Maurois, in his study of Disraeli, is even more readable, has a lighter touch, selects his colours, and puts in his lines with more subtlety. In his hands biography takes on all the charm and the excitement of fiction. A man's life does not just begin with birth and end with death. It is almost theatrically dramatic, and can be divided altogether too neatly into three acts or five. It fits a formula which tends to make us suspicious. Everyone will know more about Shelley from reading "Axel" than they will from Dowden's far too biased "Life," but few will escape the conviction that Maurois takes as many (if quite different) liberties with the facts to create a dramatic impression as Dowden did to stir our allegiance.

A False Conception.

The conviction is probably wrong. It takes an Englishman a long time to believe that the entertaining can be true. It is, so he argues, the province of fiction to be entertaining; and fiction is not fact. Biography is fact, and must therefore be turgid, deep, dull, and undramatic. For the most part it may be said to live up to its reputation. Biographies of incredible length, high price, and extraordinary irrelevancy pour from the publishers week by week, and (presumably) readers are found for them. No man of importance is allowed to die without having two fat volumes to follow him before the shoes are worn out that followed him to the grave. Few men are allowed in these days of sought and unsought publicity to attain eminence without having biographies written about them while they are still in the heyday of fashion. This is to do the cause of biography nothing but harm. It is like criticising a play at the end of each act.

Quite apart from standing too near their subjects, the modern biographers have adopted an attitude towards their subjects which is none too helpful. Sir E. T. Cook's complaint, that it was as bad to be too candid as sugar-candied, falls on deaf ears. Because, with the exception of Froude, most of the Victorian biographers set out with the idea of seeing nothing but good in their subjects, the Georgians must needs set out to belittle theirs. Brilliant and entertaining as are Lytton Strachey's sketches of Florence Nightingale, Dr. Arnold, and General Gordon, we are convinced that they are unfair. Saints and Sinners.

Anyone who has tried to write a novel or play knows that it is comparatively easy to delineate and to arouse interest in unpleasant characters and extremely difficult to make virtue other than boring. We would far rather that Fuller and Prince had written volumes of Unworthies than of Worthies. The lives of men of letters are infinitely

more attractive than the lives of men of action. Who wants to read the life of Wellington if he has a chance to read that of Byron? Statesmen and bishops do not stand a chance against the poets, for the saints, the men of action are memorable for what they did, a very dull matter; the men of letters, sinners almost to a man, are memorable for what they were, which is always of absorbing interest.

Part of the reason for the popularity of Boswell is due to the fact that we are allowed to see Johnson in the round. It would have been easy to have concentrated, as Ludwig undoubtedly would have done on his piety. Boswell, quite unconsciously, no doubt, keeps on giving us glimpses of a potential Falstaff in the man which endears him to us at once. He is about as inconsistent as a man could be, and for that very reason clubbable as very few men have been before or since. The secret of Boswell is not easy to probe. We are agreed that he is not the fool that Macaulay thought him, nor yet, perhaps, the genius that we expect him to be in view of the fact that he produced what everyone allows to be the model biography. He has been called the ideal interviewer, and perhaps that is what the biographer should aim at being, a man of acute perception, who is sympathetic towards, but not an idolator of his subject, who is yet willing for the sake of his art to play the faithful hound, ask absurd questions, be snubbed, undergo great discomfort if only he can fill his mind with material out of which, in after years, he will be able to select sentences, situations, and correspondence to help in the building of his work.

Boswell.

Boswell knew what to leave out. Nearly all modern biographies go needlessly back to the ancestors of their subject, often men and women of no importance and little bearing on the matter. Enormous pains are taken to create a picture of the development of the child by taking us year by year through his nursery and schooldays, conscientiously and severely keeping to a chronological order which has the effect of making us read as if we were watching the sands in an hour-glass during a tedious sermon which we are compelled to sit out. What we really want to know is how he became the man he was, how he came to make the irretrievable mistakes that led to his downfall, the processes of mind that went to the making of the poem or novel or book, or whatever it was on which his fame rests.

We demand, therefore, of biography that it should concern human rather than famous men. The best biographies probably concern men who created but little stir—Dr. Cairns' "Life of Dr. John Brown" is a good example. They are to be written by men of sympathy, but not hero-worshippers, whose eye is so intent upon their object as to refuse to include any irrelevancies—we do not want Emily Bronte's Circle: we want Emily Bronte herself, a very different thing.

Brevity, in other words, is the very soul of biography. It ought to be possible to prune it to the size of an ordinary novel and yet to give within such limits a complete and truthful picture. Finally, it ought to stir us to do more than admire the cleverness of the biographer. It ought to tell us with a desire to emulate the energy of the subject and, by his mistakes, to learn how to avoid repeating them in ourselves, for of all aids to self-help there is none to compare with this branch of letters.—S. P. B. Mail in "Daily Telegraph."

LATE LORD SALISBURY.

There is no word for the spring of another volume of the biography of the late Lord Salisbury, by his daughter, Lady Gwendolen Cecil. The two volumes already published brought his career up to the time of events still discussable and public men still living. It is felt, no doubt, that there must be a break of some considerable time before the biography is completed.

CREATOR OF "R.U.R."**NOT RECOGNISED TILL LATE IN LIFE.**

The name of Karel Capek, the author of "R.U.R." has long been familiar to readers and playgoers in this country, but few of them could have been aware that there was another prominent Czech writer of the same name. This was K. M. Capek, the greatest Czech novelist of modern times, who has just died at Prague at the age of 67. He was born near the frontier between Bohemia and Bavaria, in a district where the Slav peasantry, a sturdy and obdurate race, are known as "Chods," and for this reason he adopted the signature Capek-Chod, which serves to distinguish him from his younger namesake.

He did not achieve fame as a novelist until comparatively late in life. The first of his works which call for special notice is the novel "Kasper Len, the Avenger," published in 1908, and regarded by many as his finest work. Len, a simple stonemason, on returning from his period of military service, finds that his betrothed has become a social outcast during his absence. He murders the man who was responsible for her degradation, is tried for the murder, but falls dead before the trial can be concluded.

This rather forced and violent ending is typical of Capek-Chod's fondness for fantastic and extravagant episodes, but in other respects the book is remarkably effective. The portrayal of the characters, and notably of the working-class atmosphere, is excellent, while the author's descriptive powers are revealed in the account of the trial, which subtly mingle the poignant with the trivial, the tragic with the humorous.

Studies of Decadence.

In 1916 appeared "The Turbine," a large-scale panorama of bourgeois decadence, and this was followed less than two years later by "Antonin Vondreic," another very long novel, dealing with the gradual downfall of a poet who succumbs to the demoralising effects of economic slavery, intensified by his own fundamental weakness of character. "Ad Hee," a collection of vivid wartime stories, was issued in 1920, and in the same year "Jindra, Father and Son," a novel containing some admirable but ruthless descriptions of wartime Prague. In 1924 came Vilem Rozkoc, a lengthy narrative in which Prague artistic circles are dramatically portrayed and a number of characters figuring in earlier books are reintroduced.

"Resany," Capek-Chod's last novel, was published only a few months ago. It forms a sequel to "Vilem Rozkoc," transferring the action to a provincial town, the life of which is subjected to the same minute and unsparring scrutiny as that of the capital. For this work Capek-Chod received one of the State prizes which the Czechoslovak Government awards annually to various categories of artistic achievement. He appears to have regarded it as the termination of his authorship, for in a newspaper interview which took place only a few days before his death he announced his intention of writing no more.

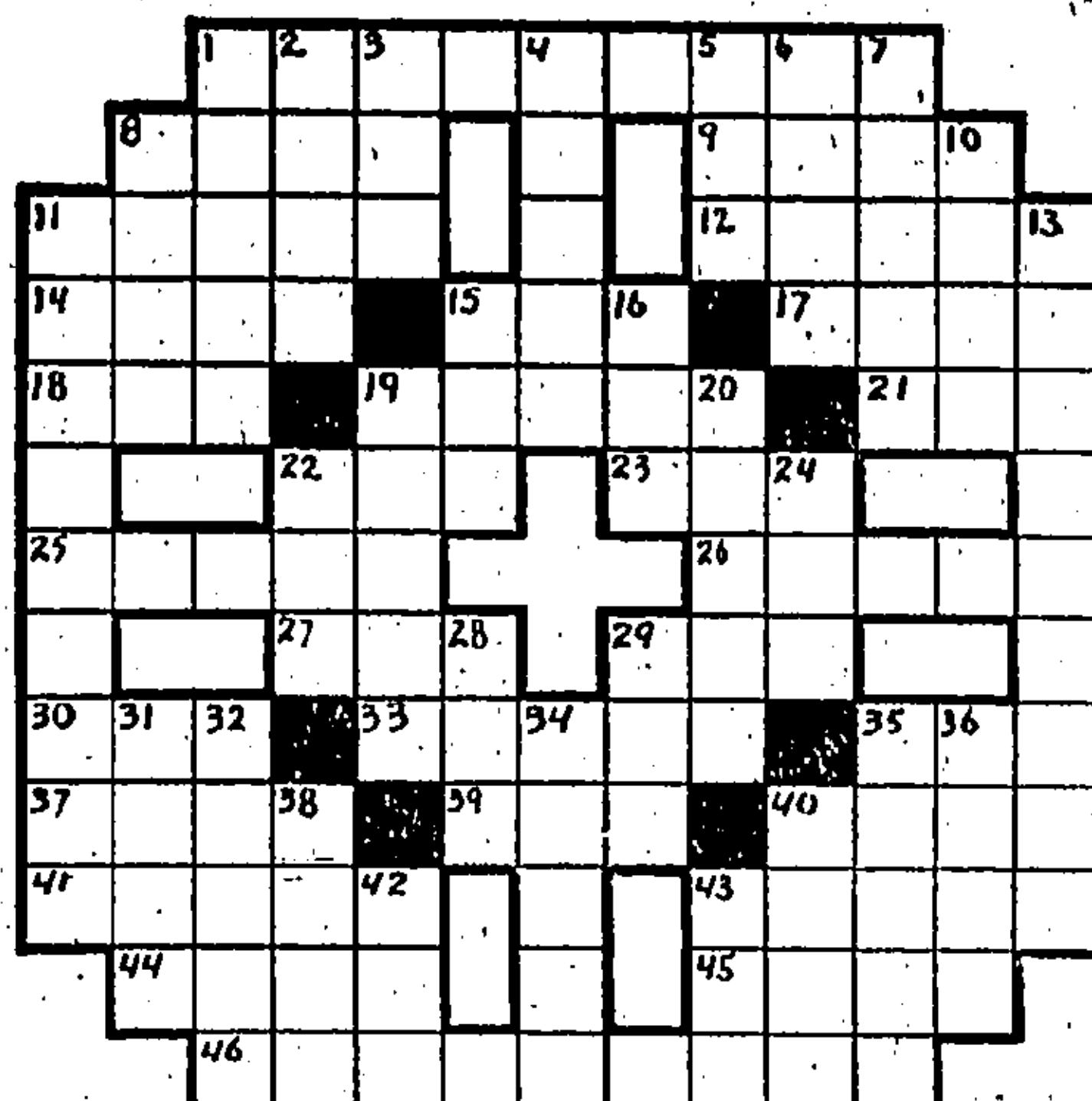
Business And Art.

Capek-Chod has been compared with Balzac, and also with Dostoevsky. With the former he shares a comprehensive vision of society in its most varied aspects. By profession he was a journalist, and his experiences in this capacity had supplied him with an intimate knowledge of Prague and its people which forms one of the most striking features of his stories. He knew the Stock Exchange as thoroughly as the studio, and he was as familiar with the profligate's drawing-room as with the casual ward.

That this versatility was not superficial is seen by the skill with which he reproduces the most diverse modes of speech. The argot of the day-labourer is handled as accurately as the jargon of artistic circles. The parallel with Dostoevsky is justified by Capek-Chod's profound pity for

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



© THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

HORIZONTAL.

1-Future probabilities

2-A sharp horny nail

3-Beard of wheat (pl.)

4-A particular point

12-Disturbance by crowd (pl.)

14-To place in an order or grade

15-Quick humor

17-Precisely right

18-Writing fluid

19-Overwhelming fear

21-Finish

22-An insect

23-And not

25-Foreign

26-A language

27-An intoxicating drink

29-A deep cavity

30-Possessive pronoun

33-Pertaining to comedy

35-Large body of water

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

37-A noise

39-Measure of weight

40-Celestial body

41-Shouts loudly

43-The Supreme Being

44-To eat carefully

45-Part of the head (pl.)

46-Visions

1-A flat board

2-Machine for stretching

3-To be indebted for

4-Unadorned

5-A vehicle

6-To taunt

7-To breathe noisily while sleeping

8-Tribal

10-Stoic

11-In the first place

13-Sitting much of the time

32-Not hollow

34-Used for cutting grass

35-Mixes

36-Consumes

38-A supplication

40-A place where two edges are joined

42-An eye infection

43-Deacon (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

15-To move quickly to and fro

16-One of the elements

19-Pertaining to the Carthaginians

20-Acute spasmotic cramps

22-To plead

24-A rodent

28-In no manner

31-To fasten

33-Touched with the toes

34-Used for cutting grass

35-Mixes

36-Consumes

38-A supplication

40-A place where two edges are joined

42-An eye infection

43-Deacon (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

REuter's Agency is informed that the "Samfund De Nio," of Stockholm, one of the most distinguished literary societies in Sweden, has awarded its silver medal and diploma to Mr. C. D. Locock, who has made himself well known for translations of Swedish poetry. During the war Mr. Locock's wide knowledge of languages was of great service in the famous Room 40 at the Admiralty, where intercepted enemy messages were deciphered. Among his best known literary works are Icelandic translations, but he has also turned a number of Malay poems into English and some of Kipling's verse into Greek.

A RUSSIAN STATESMAN.

<p

WHAT particular subject are you interested in in China?

Write and tell us and we will send you a free sample copy of the

CHINA JOURNAL

so that you may judge for yourself whether or not we can supply your want.

Write to-day to the office of

THE CHINA JOURNAL

8 Museum Road.

Shanghai.

LOOK

at a suit cleaned by us and be convinced!



One trial will surely prove convincing.

THE INTERNATIONAL DRY CLEANING & DYEING CO.

19 Wyndham Street,
Hong Kong.

36 Nathan Road,
Kowloon



ADVERTISE

WHERE YOU

OBTAI SERVICE

THE CHINA MAIL OFFERS
YOU SERVICE AND FULL
ADVERTISING VALUE.

We offer to you our full advertising mat service free.

We will give you free of charge, expert advice on advertising; changing, writing and making up of your advertisements.

OUR MOTTO IS SERVICE AND SO GIVE YOU
THE BEST RETURN FOR YOUR MONEY.

Phone up our Representative at any time.

THE CHINA MAIL

Tel. C. 22.

3a, Wyndham Street.

Tel. C. 4641.

CHI WAH.
TAILORING.
Once known as Chison.
Perfect fit guaranteed.
9, Wyndham Street.

TANG YUK, DENTIST
Successor to:
the late SIEU TING,
14, D'Aguilar Street.

TERMS VERY MODERATE
Consultation Free.

BEST AGE TO MARRY.

NO GUIDANCE FROM
FAMOUS MEN.

UNDER OR OVER 30?

Have the majority of famous men of our time married early or late in life?

General Sir Webb Gillman has drawn attention to this question by recommending the cadets at the Royal Military College, Camberley, to avoid matrimony until they are at least 30.

Famous men in the Army, the Navy, and Air Force have married much later than 30. Here are some of the ages:

Earl Haig 44.

Sir Wm. Robertson 34.

Gen. Sir George Miles 39.

Sir Ian Hamilton 34.

Earl Jellicoe 43.

There is a different story to tell when politicians are consulted:

Mr. Baldwin 25.

Mr. Lloyd George 25.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald 30.

Famous men in the legal world married even younger:

The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart) 22.

The Lord Chancellor (Lord

Cave) 29.

Lord Merrivale 21.

Literary men, artists, and actors were usually under 30 when they married:

Mr. Rudyard Kipling 27.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton 27.

Sir William Orpen 22.

Mr. Jacob Epstein 26.

Sir Frank Benson 28.

Mr. Henry Ainley 24.

Dignitaries of the Church also must be numbered among the later victims of Cupid:

The Archbishop of Canterbury 30.

The Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes) 42.

Dean Inge 45.

Would-be Army chiefs will no doubt marry at what age they choose, in spite of examples or advice.

"OWD BOB."

DOG SAVES EIGHT
SHEEP.

"Owd Bob," a sheep-dog belonging to Potters Bar (Middlesex) farmer, feels justly proud of himself. When the blizzard around London was at its height on Christmas eve the farmer missed ten sheep from his fold. A four or five days' search by farm hands amid six-foot deep snowdrifts failed to locate the missing ewes, which were given up for lost.

At dawn Bob was heard barking at the back door of the farm-house. The farmer dressed hurriedly and went down. There, safe and sound, two of the missing sheep stood bleating in the snow.

Dug Out Unaided.

The farmer drove them into the warmth and safety of the fold, but when he returned to the house the dog had disappeared.

About an hour later Bob turned up again with two more sheep. As soon as the farmer took charge of these, the dog ran off again.

It was discovered that the sheep had sought refuge behind a haystack and the drifting snow had completely submerged them. The dog's keen scent had succeeded in locating them and he had set to work to dig the sheep out unaided. They had been able to eat the hay from the ricks and had huddled together for warmth. Their whereabouts were traced by a blood track from the dog's paws left in the snow after he had succeeded in getting eight of them to safety.

Only one out of a flock of 600 sheep embedded in a snowdrift in the Devil's Dyke, Brighton, was lost in the great snowstorm recently.

The flock, which belongs to Captain J. H. Torre-Torr, of Little Buckingham Farm, Shoreham, were engulfed in a great drift which piled up where the sheep had taken shelter among the gorse. With considerable trouble the animals were located, but it was not until three days later that they were all rescued. A number of them were very weak.

CHATEAU BURGLED.

VALUABLE TAPESTRIES
STOLEN.

Paris.—The Prince de Robeck, who resides in Paris and owns a chateau at Bresil, in the Department of the Eure, has suffered heavy losses at the hands of burglars, who have twice rifled his property. At the end of last month they forced six secretaries and took away silver articles worth 30,000 francs and two gold vases encrusted with precious stones. There are Rubens and Van Dyck pictures in the chateau, but these were untouched. When the burglars paid a second visit, however, they took away two valuable tapestries, one by Aubusson depicting a village fete of the eighteenth century and the other, worked in the reign of Louis XIII., representing Jacob and Esau. The Rouen police are investigating the burglars.

ADVERTISING.

ITS POWER, HONESTY AND
CHEAPNESS.

ALL SUBCONSCIOUS.

"Advertising has made commercial honesty because it does not pay to sell an article which will not sell itself a second time without advertising," said Sir Charles Higham, addressing the members of the Incorporated Secretaries' Association, at the Cordwainers' Hall, Cannon-Street.

Advertising was no longer a theory or experiment, but it was the most powerful and the cheapest force for selling known, and yet there were hundreds of firms lacking trade who had not commenced to use it. All advertising was subconscious. It was "put over" through the subconscious mind. The fraternity with which he was associated was responsible, through the use of advertising, for the employment in the British Isles of not less than one and a half million people, who would be out of work but for advertising. There were to-day probably at least one hundred entirely different occupations in the advertising business.

Eighty per cent. of advertising passed through the offices of the agents engaged in it, and at least one hundred and fifty millions a year was spent in the British Isles alone in advertising, in one form or another, with twenty thousand people engaged in it. There were six advertisers in the world who each spent one million a year for that purpose, the British Government being one of the six, while there were stores in London alone spending half a million pounds yearly in the same way.

SUN ECLIPSES.

THREE ARE DUE THIS
YEAR.

Last June's total eclipse of the sun was a glorious spectacle— for those who saw it. Southport and Giggleswick were so favoured. But hundreds of thousands of people assembled on the shadow track, 30 miles in width, that stretched from Cardiganshire across Northern England to Durham, suffered disappointment by reason of clouds. They saw nothing. This year will provide three solar eclipses, but, unfortunately, little of outstanding interest is to be expected of any of them.

The first is total, on May 19, but that can be only for an instant. As computed, the cone of the moon's dark shadow should just about reach earth, perhaps grazing it, perhaps not. All depends upon an extreme nicety of calculation. The sun may be expected to be covered sufficiently to give momentarily a total eclipse. As that, however, can only occur in a small region of the South Atlantic Ocean, it has small value. Partial eclipse will be visible on this occasion only south of the equator.

A partial solar eclipse on June 17, and that very small, will not be seen from Great Britain.

"Visible at Greenwich" is recorded of the third solar eclipse, on Nov. 12, and that gives more promise. Again it is only a partial eclipse, and again it is of small proportions, barely one-fifth of the sun's face being covered as the spectacle is seen from London. It begins soon after sunrise, and as early as 8h 28min the greatest phase is reached. The partial eclipse lasts nearly an hour and a half, first contact being at 7h 40min, and the moon passes off the sun at 9h 18min.

REJUVENATION.

Scientists tell us that man need never grow old, that it is his deliberate neglect to conserve his functional balance that limits his days to the Scriptural three score years and ten.

There is no longer need to seek the fountain of youth in out-of-the-way places. The chart to its discovery is in the hands of all. That chart points clearly to the maintenance of the human system in normal functional balance, by the judicious employment of media that re-inforce natural function and thereby help to ward off illness.

In simple language, the key to the retention of youthful zest for life, with all its undiminished interest and enthusiasm, is the judicious use of a tonic designed to keep personal fitness at a maximum.

Dr. Williams' "Pink Pills" for Pale People will effect this for you. They are a tonic with none of the depressing after-effect common to so many remedies. Based upon the prescription of an experienced medical practitioner, they have restored thousands to the enjoyment of perfect health, which means the renewal of that intense interest in life that keeps everyone young.

To be had of all chemists, or post free, at \$1.00 per bottle, 6 bottles for \$8.00, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kangsae Road, Shanghai.

SPY STORY.

PLOT AGAINST A
WARSHIP.

LONG TRIAL.

Berlin.—An espionage trial of unusual dimensions and interest was opened before the Supreme Court at Leipzig. Nearly 100 witnesses will be called, and the hearing is expected to last three weeks. The most unusual feature of the case is, however, that the presiding judge announced his intention of taking in public sitting all the evidence with the possible exception of that of experts from the War Ministry.

This is quite a new departure. The scores of espionage charges which have been preferred during the past few years have almost all been tried throughout in camera, and the public has had but the faintest idea of the facts on which they have been built up. There are, however, special circumstances in the present case which may account for the anomaly. It is said that a great deal of the information which was received from the accused men by the Polish Intelligence Department, and which largely dealt with the connections between the Reichswehr and illegal semi-military organisations, was passed on to the German pacifists, who exploited it in articles in their own and in the foreign Press. These articles are stated to have played a big part in the negotiations as to the withdrawal of Allied military control from Germany, and to have retarded the entrance of Germany into the League of Nations.

According to the prosecution, however, much of the accused persons' information was invented by them, so that the public hearing may place upon the pacifists the double odium of trafficking with a potential enemy and circulating false accusations which have caused demonstrable injury to the Fatherland. At the same time, a charge of disclosing military secrets cannot be based on the sale of falsehoods, and if only for the sake of his own indictment, the State Prosecutor was compelled to admit that some of the defendants' confidential information was correct.

Remarkable Career.
Johann Schreck, the chief of the three accused men, has had a remarkable and typical career. He is the son of a Bavarian mason, and, starting in his father's trade, gradually worked his way up to a leading position in civil engineering. At the outbreak of the war he was chief engineer to a big company in Berlin. He then however, moved to Switzerland, where his activities were veiled with a certain amount of mystery. Under examination he stated that he worked there for the German Intelligence Department, for whom he arranged the transport across Swiss territory of a consignment of explosives with which it had been arranged that Italian Anarchists should blow up an Italian battleship. However, the Swiss police got wind of his scheme, and arrested him. By an arrangement with the Bavarian Legation in Berne, he feigned paralysis, and through a deft exchange of tubes containing spinal serum convinced the Swiss doctors that he was suffering from this disease, and got himself removed to hospital. Then a clothes line was smuggled to him by agents of the Legation, and with the help of this he escaped. On regaining German soil he was rewarded for his patriotic services with the Bavarian King Ludwig Cross.

When the war ended Schreck had a nice little hoard of Swiss francs, some at least of which, the prosecution alleges, were of French origin, and with them he was able to play the part of a grandee in the German inflation period. He bought a couple of estates near Regensburg, became a prominent member of the ruling Bavarian party, founded a branch of civic guards, and was elected to quite a number of local governing corporations. His affairs, however, soon took a turn for the worse, and stabilisation found him almost penniless. The offences with which he is charged are said to have been committed in 1925.

N. Kuassukoff, a Russian of no fixed abode, and with 15 previous convictions to his credit, appeared in the Provisional Court on February 9 charged with being drunk and disorderly. The defendant claimed to be an artist, and smilingly admitted being drunk the previous day outside the Merchant Service Club. He created such a disturbance in the vicinity that he was arrested. The disturbance consisted of the singing of the accused which he frankly admitted and claimed that he had purposely got drunk as when in this condition he could sing much better. The Court fined him \$10 and as the accused had not this amount he was sent to prison for ten days.

THE HONG KONG

HONGKONG HOTEL; REPULSE BAY HOTEL;
PEAK HOTEL.
Telegraphic Address: "KREMLIN, HONGKONG."

AND
SHANGHAI

ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL; PALACE HOTEL;
MAJESTIC HOTEL.

Telegraphic Address: "CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

HOTELS,
LIMITED.

In association with the Grand Hotel
des Wagons Lits, Peking.

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

Most Modern and Central Hotel in the Colony, all Bed Rooms newly renovated and installed with Box Spring Beds. Hot and Cold Water, also Telephone. All Trams pass in front of Hotel.

Most Moderate Rates in the Colony.

Hotel Launch meets all steamers.

THE KING EDWARD HOTEL BAND will play as under:
TIFFIN HOURS 1 to 2. DINNER HOURS 7.30 to 9.
(Thirty Tiffin Tickets can be had at the office of the above Hotel for \$25.00)

Tel. Add: "Victoria." J. H. WITCHELL,
Telephone No. C. 373. Manager.

ST. GEORGE HOTEL.

24, S. S. 4, Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.

Gated premises with fine plants, tastefully situated overlooking Botanical Gardens, Hong Kong & Harbour, large, newly furnished rooms, spacious verandahs. Modern conveniences. First Class Cuisine and refreshments. To children—Nursery.

Phone G. 4707.

Mrs. F. E. CAMERON,
Proprietress.

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

NEWLY OPENED.

13a Queen's Rd. C. Tel. C. 653. Cable Add. "FRANHO."

A First Class Residential, Family and Tourist Hotel.

</div

THE HONG KONG \$ DIRECTORY

1928 ISSUE

NOW ON SALE AT:

Whiteway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd.

Kelly & Walsh. Ah Yau—(H.K. Ferry Wharf).
Lee Yee. Ah Yau—(Peak Tram Station).
Kowloon Wharf. Hung Cheong—(Kowloon).
AND AT:—The Office of the Publishers, 3A, Wyndham Street.

China Mail

ESTABLISHED 1845

HONG KONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1928.

THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE
REGULAR AND FAST FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICES

LONDON SERVICE.
"HECTOR" 22nd Feb. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow
"GLAUCUS" 5th Mar. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
"PHILISTINES" 20th Mar. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
"AEneas" 3rd Apr. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.
"MENTOR" 20th Feb. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"ACHILLES" 5th Mar. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
"POLYphemus" 1st Apr. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"BELLEPHON" 20th Apr. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

PACIFIC SERVICE.
"KOBRA & YOKOHAMA"
"TALITHYBUS" 17th Feb. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle
"TEUCHER" 10th Mar. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle

NEW YORK SERVICE.
"LYGON" 9th Mar. New York, Boston & Baltimore
"BESIDE" 6th Apr. New York, Boston & Baltimore

PASSENGER SERVICE.
"HECTOR" 2nd Feb. Singapore, Marseilles & London
"AEneas" 3rd Apr. Singapore, Marseilles & London
"SARPEDON" 18th Mar. Singapore, Marseilles & London
"PATROCLUS" 18th Mar. Singapore, Marseilles & London
Also cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation at specially reduced fares.

For freight, passage rates and information apply to:
Butterfield & Swire,
Agents.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

INWARD MAIIS.

From	Per	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Australia & Manila		Tango Maru.
Shanghai and Amoy		Kanchow
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17		
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		Khyber
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers London)		
19th Jan., and parcels 12th Jan.)		Kashmir
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.		
Shanghai		Shi Kiang
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19		
Straits		Hakone Maru.
Straits		Talma
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai		President Taft
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.		
Manila		President Jackson
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21		
Japan		Mishima Maru.
Shanghai		Hector.
Straits		Mirzapore
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22.		
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai		Emp. of Russia.

OUTWARD MAIIS.

For	Per	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
*Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. & *S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C.		Talithybus.
18th Mar. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		Fook Sang
Amoy		5 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17.		
Japan		Tango Maru
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow		9.00 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia		Hai Ning
Straits		1 p.m.
Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th Mar. K.P.O.:—Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (18th Feb.) 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O.:—Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (18th Feb.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Kashmir
Hoitow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		10 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		Shantung
Amoy		3.30 p.m.
Sunday, FEBRUARY 19.		Anhui
Swatow Amoy & Formosa		5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow		
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.		
Shanghai & Japan		Hakone Maru
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon.		10.30 a.m.
Letter 1 p.m.		Kum Sang
Amoy		Sulyang
Manila		4.30 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.		President Taft
Swatow Amoy and Foochow		4.30 p.m.
Wei Ha Wei		Hal Ching
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 12th Mar. & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		Noon.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.		Kueichow
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.		2.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

EFFORTS FAIL.

General Election In Germany?

NO COMPROMISE.

Dissolution To Come After Budget Negotiated.

Berlin, Yesterday. Efforts of party leaders to reach a compromise on the Education Bill have failed. According to the Right and Centre party leaders the coalition Government can consequently be regarded as dead.

It is understood the Government will now make every effort to push through the Budget, after which the Reichstag will be dissolved. It is certain that Germany will be in the throes of a general election by May 28 next.—Reuter.

BIG NAVY.

PRESIDENT'S VIEW PREVAILS.

"DIALECTICAL PERSUASION."

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Britton, of the House of Representatives' Naval Committee, has declared after his interview with President Coolidge, that the latter is hopeful that Congress will pass the Government's \$740,000,000 Naval Building Programme without material change.

One of the most significant points was President Coolidge's eagerness that no time limit should be placed on the completion of the programme but that this should be left to Presidential discretion.

Mr. Britton now supports this. Many of those well-informed believe that while he is obliged somehow to pacify the Republican big navy advocates, the President may advocate the permanent peace before the tomb in which Asquith is now being lowered, laden with years."

The quotation, from the newspaper "Excelsior," indicates the esteem in which Lord Oxford and Asquith is held in France.

Reuter's American Service.

Private Burial.

It is stated on behalf of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, better known as Mr. H. H. Asquith, that he will be buried privately in accordance with his special wishes and not in the Abbey as suggested by the Government. A memorial service, however, will be held at the Abbey on Tuesday next.—Reuter.

LATE EARL OXFORD.

Peacefully Passes Away.

PRIVATE BURIAL.

French Tribute To Great Statesman.

As announced in the final edition of the "China Mail" yesterday, the Earl of Oxford and Asquith has passed away.

A later cable from London stated:—

Hope of Lord Asquith's life was abandoned on Monday yet owing to his amazing constitution the ex-Premier lived till 6.50 this morning when he passed peacefully away among his family at his home "The Wharf," Sutton Courtney, Berkshire. Lady Oxford watched at his bedside for days and nights.

French Gratitude.

Paris, Yesterday. Upon his shoulders fell the crushing responsibility of plunging the British Empire into the war. It was he who took the momentous decision for this act alone the French people should bow peaceful homage and gratitude before the tomb in which Asquith is now being lowered, laden with years."

The quotation, from the newspaper "Excelsior," indicates the esteem in which Lord Oxford and Asquith is held in France.

Reuter's American Service.

Private Burial.

It is stated on behalf of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, better known as Mr. H. H. Asquith, that he will be buried privately in accordance with his special wishes and not in the Abbey as suggested by the Government. A memorial service, however, will be held at the Abbey on Tuesday next.—Reuter.

NOT A SUCCESS.

The Pan-American Conference.

INSOLUBLE PROBLEMS.

Conference Closing With Much Business Unfinished.

Havana, Yesterday.

Some of the most influential members of the Pan-American Conference frankly admit that it is confronted with problems, which at present are insoluble.

The United States and the Argentine have notably clashed over the tariff issue.

The Conference will consequently close, as previously arranged, on the 20th inst., with much business unfinished.

During the discussion of the tariff issue Senor Puyerredon (Argentine) announced that he would not sign a Convention which did not include a reference to the necessity of abolishing the excessively high barriers to the free flow of Inter-American Commerce.

Mr. Charles Hughes (U.S.A.) replying declared that insistence thereon would affect the vital sovereign rights of nations.—Reuter's American Service.

Resigned?

Havana, Yesterday.

Following the non-appearance of the Argentine delegates at this morning's session of the Committee of the Pan-American union affairs a rumour has arisen that Dr. Puyerredon has resigned the chairmanship of the Argentine delegation and also the Ambassadorship at Washington.—Reuter's American Service.

WAR CONDEMNED.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TREATY ARBITRATION.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson stated that the preamble of the Anglo-American draft treaty of arbitration has been communicated to the British Government and contained a clause condemning war as an instrument of policy in the mutual relations between two countries. The whole subject was being discussed, most carefully.—Reuter.

FRENCH REVENUE.

Paris, Yesterday. The revenue returns for January totalled 3,411,000,000 francs, showing an increase of 118,000,000 francs over January of last year and of 187,000,000 on the Budget forecasts.—Havas.

THE Heir.

The late Earl's heir is his grandson Julian, the son of the brilliant Raymond Asquith, who was killed in 1916 in service in France with his battalion of the Grenadier Guards. Viscount Asquith, it is understood, will be the heir's future designation. In these days of breathless change, it is pleasant to know that Raymond Asquith's name, below that of his father, has already survived one septennial repainting of the staircase in Harcourt-buildings, Temple, where he had only time to begin what would doubtless have been a distinguished career at the Bar.

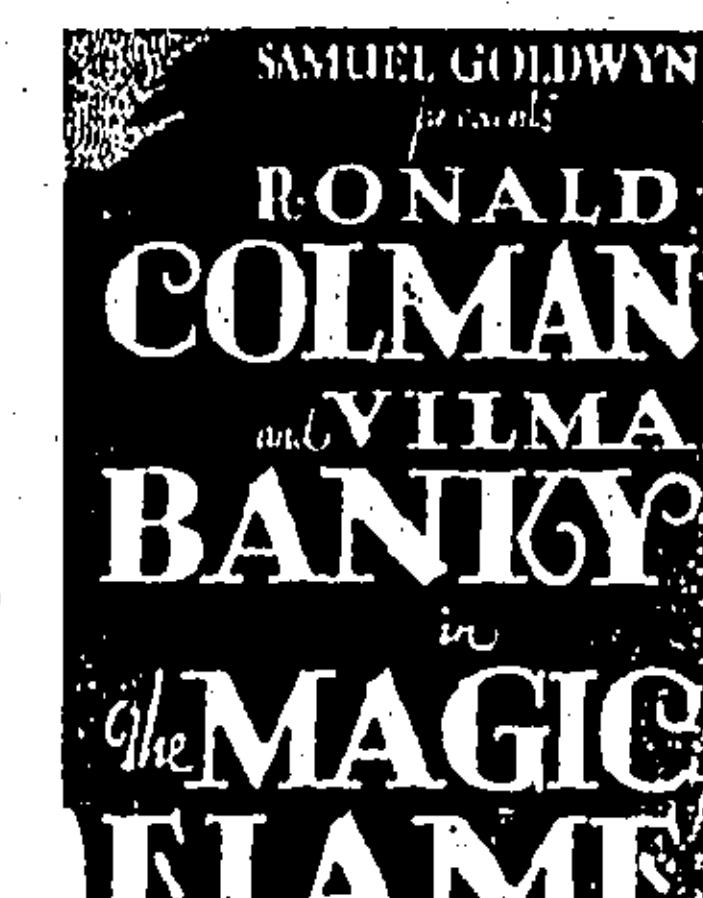
Three other sons of the new Earl of Oxford, by his first marriage,

Mr. Herbert Asquith, Brigadier-General Arthur Asquith, and Mr. Cyril Asquith, all served with distinction in the war. Their sister, Lady Bonham Carter, who married her father's Private Secretary, Sir Maurice (then Mr.) Bonham Carter, in 1916, is a gifted speaker.

By his second marriage with Miss Margaret Tenant, daughter of the late Sir Charles Tenant, Bt., which took place in 1894, the late Earl had one son and one daughter.

—Mr. Anthony Asquith, recently an undergraduate at Balliol, and an amateur musician of repute, and Princess Antoine Bibesco, wife of the Roumanian Minister at Washington, whose decided literary gifts expressed in several books, have a curious affinity with the work of Schopenhauer.

Love amid soft lights and sweet music—
Love amid the blare and tinsel of a circus—Love amid the brilliance of a royal palace—



AT THE

QUEEN'S

USUAL TIMES & PRICES
At 2.30, 5.10 & 7.15 . . . \$1.00, 60 cts., 40 cts. & 30 cts.
At 9.20 \$1.50, \$1.00, 60 cts. & 40 cts.

TO-DAY TO SATURDAY

Splendid pageantry and delightful romance in a story of medieval France—

YOLANDA

With MARION DAVIES AND RALPH GRAVES
AT THE

WORLD

TO-DAY TO SATURDAY
Orchestra 5.15 & 9.20. Interpreter 2.30 & 7.15.

A handsome actor and two leading women in the old, yet ever new, story of "the man who came back"—

THOMAS MEIGHAN IN TIN GODS

With RENEÉ ADOREE AND AILEEN PRINGLE
AT THE

STAR

TO-DAY TO SATURDAY
Continuous 2.30 to 8.30

At 9.15.—Banvard Musical Comedy Co. in "Katja."

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Bookbinders.

THE "CHINA MAIL" Bookbinders.

No. 3a, Wyndham Street.

Dentist.

HARRY FONG, Dentist.

1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road Central.

Tel. Central No. 1256.